



Resolution Number: 2018-B025
Title: Recognize Clean Water as a Human Right and Public Trust
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our faith communities and institutions are located; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize water and sanitation as human rights and water as a commons (a publicly held natural system); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge the phase out and eventual ban, by 2021 the sale or distribution of bottled water in Church-related facilities and at Church events except when local water supplies are deemed unsafe; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church promotes and advocate for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 688.