

Social Justice Resolutions Passed



Reproductive Rights

- “Affirming that all Episcopalians should be able to **access abortion services and birth control** with no restriction on movement, autonomy, type, or timing.” (D083)
- Bishop and deputies amended (A001), setting the five **finalists for the 82nd General Convention** in 2027, requiring church leaders to “**consider the physical and emotional well-being and safety**” of attendees when picking a site.

Paid Family Leave

- (A003) urges but does not require, dioceses to adopt **uniform paid family leave** policies for all employees.
- Creation a **new task force** to provide advice about the Denominational Health Plan, which is provided through Church Pension Group and which churches and dioceses are required to provide to clergy and some lay employees (D034) .

Gun Violence

In a public witness against gun violence, Bishops United Against Gun Violence led a procession from the Convention Center to the site of a fatal shooting that happened on the eve of the General Convention.

- (B003) on ghost guns - advocates that parts and kits used to build homemade weapons be banned, and until that's possible, should be subject to full regulation as firearms and subject to all federal regulations that apply to firearms
- Urging advocacy for state legislation against gun violence (B006).
- Commending investment in community violence intervention to prevent gun violence (B007).
- Convention rose in unanimous, silent affirmation of (A226), to recognize, honor and lament the three members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, who were murdered June 16 by a man who was attending a potluck supper at the church. The resolution also recognized the surviving 18 church members and friends who were there that night.