

# Resolutions 15.2

## RESOLUTION 15.2-01 -- Passed as Presented

**Title:** Amend Title IV, Canon 2.03 – Pledge and Payment of Diocesan Contribution

**Proposed By:** The Rev. Joseph Dirbas and the Mission Share Pledge Task Force

**Name, Address, Phone Number of Delegate:** 1475 Catalina Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107; 619-223-6394

**Date:** August 13, 2015

**RESOLVED:** That Title IV, Canon 2.03 of The Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego be amended to read as follows:

**2.03 Pledge and Payment of Diocesan Contribution.** Each congregation is expected to pledge and contribute to The Diocesan Fund, as the minimum mandatory level of giving, ten and one half percent (10.5%) of its Net Disposable Income. ~~as the target level of giving, twenty percent (20%) of its Net Disposal Income, and each congregation is required to pledge and contribute to the Diocesan Fund, as the minimum mandatory level of giving, ten percent (10%) of its Net Disposable Income.~~ Congregations are encouraged to contribute greater than ten and one half percent (10.5%) to the Diocesan Fund. Each congregation contributing greater than the minimum mandatory pledge can, in consultation with a subcommittee of executive council, designate a destination of their contribution above the mandatory minimum. Any congregation proposing to pledge less than the mandatory ten and one half percent (10.5%) of Net Disposable Income may, before submitting its pledge, seek a waiver from the Committee on Financial Review, as approved by the Bishop, of the minimum required pledge amount. Unless another payment schedule is arranged with the approval of the Bishop, the congregation shall pay its Diocesan contribution to the Treasurer of the Diocese in 12 equal installments, remittance to be made no later than the 15th of each month. For purposes of representation at Convention, a congregation will be deemed to have met its "Minimum Diocesan Contribution" only when the congregation has both (i) actually paid to the Diocesan Fund at least ten and one half percent (10.5%) of its Net Disposable Income for the second year immediately preceding the year in which the Convention is held, and (ii) pledged at least ten and one half percent (10.5%) of its Net Disposable Income as reported in its parochial report for the year immediately preceding the year in which the Convention is held. "Net Disposable Income," for purposes of this Canon, means a congregation's unrestricted income, as determined in accordance with guidelines from time to time by the Diocesan Executive Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this 42<sup>nd</sup> convention of The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego endorse the phrase "Common Life Share" to replace "Mission Share Pledge."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that this 42<sup>nd</sup> convention request the bishop and the Executive Council to implement “Strengthening the Diocesan Identity” as submitted in the Mission Share Pledge Task Force final report.

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## **RESOLUTION 15.2-02 -- Passed as Substituted (See wording below)**

**Title:** Mideast Peace = Peace of Jerusalem = World Peace

**Proposed By:** The Rev. Roy Hayes

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**Date:** August 13, 2015

**RESOLVED:** As we Christians make our rightful claim to Jerusalem, we acknowledge that Muslims and Jews also have rightful claims to Jerusalem from their perspectives. It is useless to argue about sovereignty in the Holy City.

### **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

The conflict in the Holy Land is the central problem facing the world today. There must be a political solution to the conflict. There must be a religious solution to the conflict, as well, because there is no way to separate politics from religion in the Middle East. The International Community must build peace based on a just foundation. The future status of [Jerusalem](#) is the key to peace. The words of this resolution were first written in the 1980s by a former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Edmond Lee Browning.

### **Substituted wording:**

**Resolved** that the 42nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego strongly recommends the bishop encourage each congregation to undertake study and offer education for a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding the Middle East peace.

**Explanation of Resolution:** Awareness of the situation in the Middle East is necessary if we are to contribute conversation and action in support of peace in that region. This resolution simply asks that we make this topic a priority in our diocesan life.

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## RESOLUTION 15.2-03 -- Passed as Presented

**Title:** Disaster Preparedness

**Proposed By:** The Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee

**Name, Address, Phone Number of Delegate:** Keen Haynes, 45371 Spruce Ct, Temecula, CA 92592; 949-280-7817

**Date:** August 26, 2015

**Resolved,** that the 42nd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego hereby directs all congregations, diocesan institutions and offices within the Diocese of San Diego to: (1) appoint a disaster preparedness leader, and (2) complete the Asset Map survey found at [www.sd.episcopalassetmap.org](http://www.sd.episcopalassetmap.org) prior to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of San Diego;

**Resolved,** that the diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee shall assist where required, and monitor progress in implementing this policy;

**Resolved,** that the Disaster Preparedness Committee shall report on the state of disaster preparedness to the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego.

**EXPLANATION:** Churches often fill in the gap when disaster strikes. They partner with government agencies and nonprofits to provide shelter, food and other essentials during emergencies. Because they are existing communities of close-knit people with established communication channels, churches and church organizations are especially effective at distributing information, checking in with otherwise isolated people and providing emergency support. But all of this can only happen if a church has an up-to-date disaster preparedness plan.

The final goal is that all congregations, institutions and offices of the diocese will have a disaster preparedness plan. However, the diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee recognizes that every church may not be able to create a disaster preparedness plan by November 2016. Therefore, our collective goal is that the next phase of disaster preparedness planning will include completion of disaster preparedness plans by each congregation, institution and offices in the diocese by November 2017.

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## **RESOLUTION 15.2-04 -- Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons**

**Title: Moratorium on Mission Action Parish Liquidations**

**Proposed By:** Patricia Bullock, All Saints', Vista

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**Date:** October 12, 2015

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Diocesan Convention consider a moratorium on the liquidation of Mission and Mission Action Parish properties and assets, effective immediately, for a period of not less than one year, to allow a study to be made by representatives of the diocesan offices and of those parishes potentially affected, to assess the many implications of such actions on the diocese at large.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a plan resulting from said study, specifying how the proceeds from any such liquidation of assets will be administered, and/or otherwise utilized, be prepared by the study committee for presentation, consideration, and possible adoption at the 2016 Diocesan Convention.

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:** The Bishop has announced his intention to sell the real property and liquidate the assets of certain congregations in the diocese, and to have the proceeds held by the diocese. However, the expected/intended use of, and who will have access to, such funds has not been explained. For instance, will they be held in trust for the congregations which acquired these properties and assets or will they be transferred to other diocesan programs? Additionally, what will be the impact of no longer having an Episcopal presence in some of our cities and townships? Will there be provision made for continuing to worship, proclaim the gospel, and form Christian communities in alternate locations within those same cities and towns? A project the size of which the Bishop has announced needs to have a well-defined outcome of the announced actions fully articulated and agreed upon by the people of the Diocese.