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## A CALL TO MISSION

The American Anglican Council (AAC) is a network of individuals (laity, deacons, priests and bishops), parishes and specialized ministries who affirm Biblical authority and Christian orthodoxy within the Anglican Communion. In response to the Lord's calling and by His grace, we commit ourselves to proclaim the Good News to every person and to reform and renew the Church of Jesus Christ. We are uniting in order to fulfill our apostolic mission and ministry, working to build a faithful Anglican witness in the Americas.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Eph. 6:10-12)

## Windsor Report

REPENT + REAFFIRM + ROLLBACK

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## Resolution A161 Defeated

BY RALINDA GREGOR

ECUSA's effort to answer the requests of the Windsor Report were dealt a crushing blow when Resolution A161 was defeated in the House of Deputies late yesterday afternoon. The resolution sought to deal with two of the key issues of Windsor compliance, the consecration of non-celibate homosexual bishops and same-sex blessings.

A substitute motion was declared unconstitutional and denied an up or down vote.

The vote on the original resolution was taken by orders. On the lay side, 38 deputations voted yes, 53 voted no, and 18 deputations were divided, causing their votes to be registered as "no" votes. On the clergy side, the votes were 44 yes, 53 no, and 14 divided.

"It was remarkable to me to see that both sides felt the same way," said the Rev. Rusty DeMoss, associate rector of Christ Church, Montgomery, Al., who observed the vote. "There was hardly any middle ground. The revisionist side did not want to go back on what had been decided in 2003. The biblically faithful deputies could not accept the vagueness of the resolution."

The Rev. Martyn Minns, rector of Truro Church, Fairfax, Va., summed up the significance of the vote: "Within this convention there are two different churches with two irreconcilable truth claims. ECUSA is not willing to embrace the minimum requirements of the Windsor Report. Unhappily, this decision seems to show that ECUSA has chosen to walk apart." +

*The substitute clearly spoke to the requests made by Windsor using the same language as Windsor:*

Resolved, the house of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church "effect a moratorium on the election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate who is living in a same gender union until [and unless] some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges" (WR134) and be it further

Resolved that the 75th GC effect a moratorium on the authorizing of all public rites of blessing of same sex unions (WR 144), and be it further

Resolved that the 75th GC call upon those bishops who have authorized public rites for blessing same sex unions, "because of the serious repercussions in the Communion...to express regret that the proper constraints of the bonds of affection were breached by such authorization." (WR144)

**The AAC would like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly and stood firm during this General Convention. We couldn't have done it without you. God bless you all!**

# No Cucumbers Here

BY CHRIS SUGDEN

I was elected as a member of the Church of England General Synod in September 2005 and was warned that it would be extremely hard work to take part in its proceedings and understand what was going on. I have been watching and taking notes on the debates in the House of Deputies.

This morning the outstanding business was resolution 161. The house opened around 10:45am. Between then and 12:20pm there occurred about four speeches of substance on the matter before the house and the presentation of the substitute motion. The rest of the time was spent on street fighting through procedures, challenges to the chair's ruling, votes by orders, and extensions to time.

I make and offer no comment except to say that the procedure in the General Synod is first that all three orders meet together; second that requests to speak, along with talking points, must be submitted in writing to the chairman before the debate. The chair is all powerful, and their procedure is only to allow as many speeches as will cover all the points made. I noted that the chair in the House of Deputies had to plead with people to relinquish their places in the speaking roster if their point had already been made. The procedure in the Church of England looks like a demure vicarage garden party compared with ECU-SA's debate by "procedural street fighting." Cucumber sandwiches would be right out of place here. +

# Defining Moments

"Jesus is God's Word; the Bible isn't."

*Comment from a visitor to Keli Pryor at the AAC booth*

"Jesus is the homosexual Agenda."

*V. Gene Robinson*

"The Anglican Communion, including our international visitors here, will have seen that the American Church seeks to significantly and fully engage in the Windsor Process."

*Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina*

"Deputy Lyton: I would like to speak in favor of discharge [of D058]. We all affirm the uniqueness of Christ and of the cross. However, we do not have a specific doctrinal commitment to one theory of atonement or salvation. For that reason I encourage that this be discharged."

*Stand Firm Live Blogging*

"The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church declares its unchanging commitment to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the only name by which any person may be saved."

*Resolution D058, written by the Rev. Guido Verbeck of Western Louisiana. The resolution was discharged by the House of Deputies*

*Transcriptions from the Albert Mohler Program of June 19, 2006, which used portions of a the CNN Live From program of June 19, 2006: "The Message of Jesus: To Include the Unincluded" featuring Kyra Phillips interviewing Presiding Bishop-elect Katharine Jefferts Schori.*

## ON THE BIBLE:

**Bishop Jefferts Schori:** The Bible comes to us out of contexts that are quite different from our own, and people were asking different questions. The Bible has a great deal to teach us about what it means to live as a human being. The Bible does not have so much to teach us about what sorts of food to eat, what sorts of clothes to wear. There are rules in the Bible about those that we don't observe today. Now the Bible tells us about how to treat other human beings and that's certainly the great message of Jesus. To include the un-included.

## ON HOMOSEXUALITY:

**CNN Question:** Is it a sin, is it against God's will, is it wrong to be gay?

**Bishop Jefferts Schori:** I don't believe so.

**CNN Question:** Tell me why.

**Bishop Jefferts Schori:** I believe that God creates us with different gifts. Each one of us comes into this world with a different collection of things that challenge us, and things that give us joy and allow us to bless the world around us. And some people come into this world with affections ordered toward other people of the same gender and some people come into this world with affections directed at people of the other gender.

## ON THE AFTERLIFE:

**CNN Question:** So what happens after I die?

**Bishop Jefferts Schori:** What happens after you die? I would ask you that question. But what's important about your life? What is it that has made you a unique individual? What is the passion that has kept you getting up every morning and engaging the world? There are hints within that about what it is that continues after you die. +