

2018 General Convention Resolutions on Substance Abuse

D057 Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol and Substance Misuse

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention directs the Executive Council to take the necessary steps to develop a mandatory training program with respect to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction (to be renewed at designated intervals) for all persons in the process of formation for ordination and for all priests and deacons currently licensed, with the goal that all such clergy would:

1. Be trained in prior resolutions of the General Convention regarding impairment;
2. Recognize impairment; and
3. Provide tools for reporting incidents involving impaired clergy and remove barriers that impede individuals from reporting.

Resolved, That the Executive Council consider using training materials through publicly available resources at no cost, such as The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov).

D058 Impairment Commission - Rapid Response Team for Crisis Intervention

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention recommends that the Presiding Bishop, drawing on the research of the Commission on Leadership and Impairment, establish a team of advisors or consultants to serve as a resource on alcoholism and substance misuse and other forms of addiction to provide a rapid response to issues of questionable impairment, to provide clergy or other concerned individuals with confidential advice, and to assist with monitoring and recovery.

D059 Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol/Substance Misuse for Church Leadership

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention:

1. directs the Executive Council, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, to evaluate the policies and practices of its meetings and the meetings of its commissions, committees, and boards to make necessary changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction; and
2. recommends that the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, evaluate the policies and practices of meetings of the House of Bishops and recommend changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction; and
3. recommends that CREDO develop a program component to help participants explore their relationship to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction.

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.