



The Community of the Holy Family

An Episcopal Teaching Order

141st Annual Order Convention

Submitting Resolutions

TO: Sisters of the Community of the Holy Family
FROM: Acting Standing Committee

The deadline for submitting resolutions for action by the 141st Annual Convention is Thursday, November 26, 2020. Resolutions submitted will be available at pre-convention Standing Committee meetings.

Late resolutions may be introduced at the first legislative session of the Convention on Friday, December 4, 2020.

All timely resolutions and late resolutions accepted for consideration will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for study and report. The Resolutions Committee will report its recommendations for actions at the second legislative session of the Convention on Saturday, November 21, 2020.

Please see the following Guidelines for Resolutions and submit resolutions in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) to sisterhood@CommunityOfTheHolyFamily.org. Receipt of all resolutions will be confirmed via email.

Resolution Format Guidelines 2020

The Resolutions Committee of the Order's Convention of the Community of the Holy Family has revised the format of Resolutions that may come before the Convention. In the interest of expeditious handling of business before the Convention it will help the Sisters to focus on what is actually being voted upon as distinct from the reasons behind the proposed resolution.

The main change is that "Whereas clauses" that have typically preceded the actual resolution are eliminated. The explanatory information will follow the body of the Resolution proposed, and will be an explanatory paragraph rather than a string of formalistic phrases. Why? Because the only thing for debate and/ or vote is the text of the actual resolution. Putting the actual resolution first and explanations after will help focus on our business.

OLD EXAMPLE:

Whereas the weather is changing, and
Whereas the wooly bears have extremely heavy coats this fall, and
Whereas this is a year of the El Niño maritime effect,
and Whereas many Houses in our Order will be negatively affected by unusually cold weather,
therefore be it resolved that:

The Community of the Holy Family in its 141st Annual Convention urges members to dress more warmly on Sundays when it is cold.

NEW FORMAT:

Resolved that the Convention urge all who attend services on unusually cold Sundays to wear warmer than usual clothing.

Explanation: Natural and scientific weather forecasters suggest this will be a very cold winter. Many Houses are not prepared for unusual cold, so it would help for attendees to wear warmer than usual clothing on those really cold Sundays.

Please note: All who propose resolutions are asked to form their resolutions in the "resolution first, explanations second" format. Submissions that do not follow this format will be returned to the proposer for re-drafting. If the Resolutions Committee re-formats your resolution, errors in emphasis may occur.

Please help the committee by presenting what you want to propose in the "contemporary" format. Thank you. We will be glad to consult with any proposers to "perfect" the formation of your resolution