



## D097 Establish an Advisory Council on Disability and Deaf Access

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- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm and renew its previous commitments to Resolutions 2003-D051 and 2015-D043, which require the Church to provide persons with disabilities and Deaf people with full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church, including worship; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention establish a Task Force to review progress made toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other relevant statutes; consult with Church staff to ensure that materials, policies, and procedures for accessibility and reasonable accommodations are developed and implemented for each General Convention and ancillary Church events; and develop a means of reconciliation with people who have been excluded from Church events due to lack of accessibility or failure to provide reasonable accommodations; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the Task Force shall consist of between five and nine members, to be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, and a majority of the members shall be people with disabilities and deaf people, and be it further
- Resolved*, That the Task Force include such progress in their report to the 80th General Convention on their work, and be it further
- Resolved*, that the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$5,000 to allow for the work of this Task Force.

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