

**Resolution #1: Resolution Calling For Nonviolent Conflict Resolutions  
Amended by The Reverend Donald Timmerman October 12, 2009  
Presented by The Reverend Donald and Roberta Timmerman**

Be it resolved that this 81<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire affirm the conclusion of the October 1, 2002 letter of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church to members of Congress, stating the conditions of the “Just War” tradition have not been met in the national government’s decision to engage in warfare with the nation of Iraq. The same tradition does not apply to the current armed invasion of the nation of Afghanistan.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire call upon the Congress and the President to immediately develop for implementation a plan for the prompt withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq and Afghanistan and to work with international, Iraqi and Afghani organizations in the reconstruction of the two war torn nations.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire call on the members of the Diocese to acknowledge and confess that our government’s participation in the armed occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan have resulted in individual and global injustices including passive acceptance of the loss of our military personnel, lack of support and care for those returning home, indifference to the loss of countless Iraqi and Afghani citizens, silent response to atrocities, illegal confinement without representation or formal charges and torture.

And be it further

RESOLVED, The 81<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire call on our congregations to seek out opportunities to work toward nonviolent resolutions to conflict.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention, as a community of faith committed to reconciliation and nonviolence taught in the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, encourage wide use of Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention call on Episcopalians to honor and support, through their prayers and actions, the men and women in the armed forces who return home with injuries to body, mind, and spirit that they might be restored to wholeness of life and assisted in recovering from injury and trauma.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the 81<sup>st</sup> Convention call upon Episcopalians as an act of penitence, to oppose and resist through advocacy, protest, and electoral action the continuation of the armed occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, and encourage the President and Congress to take proactive steps to end our armed occupations as soon as possible.