

FINAL VERSION - Concurred

Resolution: **A078**
Title: **Annual Recovery Sunday**
Topic: **Substance Abuse**
Committee: **10 - Social and Urban Affairs**
House of Initial Action: **Bishops**
Proposer: **Standing Commission on Health**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every congregation in The Episcopal Church be encouraged to raise awareness of recovery issues in a way suited to the particular congregation.

EXPLANATION

The 76th General Convention marks the 30th anniversary of The Episcopal Church's Resolution to request each diocese to establish Committees on Alcoholism (1979-B122). In subsequent actions of General Convention, the work of the National Episcopal Coalition on Alcohol and its successor, Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church, has been recognized and promoted (1982-B049, D015, D084; 1985-A083, A084; 1988-B016, C035; 1991-A100; 2003-A123).

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Resolution: **A079**
Title: **Addiction Education for Ordained Ministry**
Topic: **Substance Abuse**
Committee: **14 - Ministry**
House of Initial Action: **Bishops**
Proposer: **Standing Commission on Health**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every course of study for the ordained ministry of the Church include education in the nature of addiction, in the identification, practices of intervention and treatment of addiction, and in Twelve-Step programs for recovery from addiction; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to consider changes to the ordination canons to further promote such study; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese commit to continue to address the issues of education, prevention, intervention and treatment in support of its congregations, clergy, laity and employees.

EXPLANATION

The 67th General Convention (1982-D084) called for and encouraged the study of alcoholism and other chemical dependencies and ministry to persons affected thereby. There is ample evidence that the social, personal and pastoral effects of addiction continue to exact enormous costs.