

## **COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL**

A resolution of a general character shall be given to the Committee of Reference and Counsel (CRC) by the voting members proposing such resolution (signatures of at least two voting members affixed). The CRC shall report all such resolutions to the assembly.

The CRC has power to put resolutions in proper form, eliminating duplication where similar resolutions are offered, and ensure that all resolutions relating to a specific subject will be offered in logical sequence. The committee may make substantive changes in a resolution only with the sponsor's consent.

Appropriate reports to the assembly may be (1) to refer, (2) to amend, or (3) to consider with or without recommendation. The report on each resolution is treated as if it had been moved and seconded before being referred.

### **Status of Committee's Recommendations:**

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended the approval of a resolution considered by the committee, the committee's recommendation and text of the resolution recommended for passage shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended the adoption of a substitute recommendation for the resolution(s) on a subject, the committee's recommendation shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended referral of a resolution(s), the committee's recommendation shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended that the assembly decline a proposed resolution without the committee making any other recommendation related to the same or closely related subject, the voting member's resolution, if then moved by that voting member and seconded, shall be the main motion and the committee's recommendation shall be received as information.

In addition, the committee may recommend special orders or give such assistance to the bishop as may be requested in the course of the assembly.

A sponsor may appear before the committee to explain a resolution or to answer questions about it.