

R-86-05: A resolution on promotion of education, leadership and employment of handicapped persons

Resolved, that, in accordance with the action that dates to three previous General Conventions (1979, 1982, 1985), local vestries and congregations focus on the education and awareness of resources available to understand the person with disabilities and through leadership in the community and the Church at local and national levels, advocate the employment and assumption of such leadership roles by qualified disabled persons, and be it further

Resolved, that qualified persons with disabilities not be disqualified for postulancy, for holy Orders, for ordination or for further employment in the Church solely on the basis of the handicaps, and be it further

Resolved, that persons in leadership roles of this Church be encouraged to participate at community, state and national levels in advocating legislation that will assist persons with disabilities with particular emphasis on equal access to the workplace; and be it further

Resolved, that the Church at national, diocesan and local places encourage and support the assumption of leadership roles in both church and community by qualified persons who have disabilities, and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force on Accessibility provide an orientation workshop in 1987 to assist congregations in carrying out the above resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force on Accessibility report to the 1987 Diocesan Convention the progress of the regions in assisting their parishes in accomplishment of education, leadership and employment of handicapped persons.