These are resolutions for the November 1992 Diocesan Convention...
...We urge you to discuss them with your clergy and convention delegates

The Episcopal Synod of America sponsors these resolutions to the Diocesan Convention

Resolution on the Trinity
Resolved, that there is only one God who is revealed as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit according to the baptismal command of our risen Lord in Matthew 28:19.

Resolution distinguishing God from creation
Resolved, that the uncreated God is the creator who has brought all things into existence out of nothing.

Resolution on the divinity and humanity of Jesus
Resolved, that Jesus is God in the flesh; fully God and fully man.

Resolution on the authorship and sufficiency of the Holy Scripture
Resolved, that God the Holy Spirit is the ultimate author of Holy Scripture, and the Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not contained in or provable by Holy Scripture is not to be required of any person to be believed as an article of faith, or to be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.

Resolution on the virgin birth
Resolved, that Jesus Christ, the only son of God the Father, was made man of the substance of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Resolution on the supremacy of God over ideology
Resolved, that the triune Lord God's rule of the universe is not subject to any humanly created ideology nor may any such humanly created ideology be imposed on the interpretation of Holy Scripture.

Resolution on participating in false worship
Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Massachusetts must not participate in forms of worship which are pagan or contrary to Christianity.

Resolution on the Resurrection
Resolved, that the Lord Jesus Christ was physically raised from the dead.

Resolution on the ordination of women
Resolved, that the ordination of women to the episcopate or priesthood and their purported exercise of the sacramental functions of a bishop or priest is contrary to Holy Scripture, tradition and the constitution of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution on financial support of heterodoxy
Resolved, that a faithful diocese, parish or mission is not, by any correct standard of Christian stewardship, morally required to give its financial support to activities or positions manifestly contrary to the Christian faith, even if the entity demanding that support is the hierarchy of the Church itself.

Resolution on reincarnation
Resolved, that belief in reincarnation (that is, that the soul may be reborn in successive, multiple existences, which may be human, animal or vegetable, in a cycle of births and deaths determined by the deeds which a soul does in previous physical existences) is contrary to Holy Scripture, and the traditions and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution on the ordination of pedophiles
Resolved, that the ordination of practicing pedophiles to the episcopate, priesthood or diaconate is contrary to Holy Scripture and the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

N.O.E.L.
The Massachusetts Chapter of
The National Organization of Episcopalians for Life
sponsors these resolutions for Diocesan Convention

Resolution on unborn children
Resolved, that an unborn child has a God-given life which it is sin to take away intentionally.

Resolution on abortion as child abuse
Resolved, that an intentional abortion of an unborn human being is a form of child abuse.

Resolution on experimentation with the bodies of unborn children
Resolved, that scientific experimentation using the tissue, organs or body parts of a voluntarily aborted child, human fetus or human embryo is sin.

Resolution on euthanasia
Resolved, that intentional euthanasia of a human being is sin.

Resolution on occultic practices
Resolved, that so-called "new age" occultic practices such as divination through palm reading, tarot card reading, reading auras, reading crystals; seances and attempted consultation with spirits, familiar spirits or demons through mediums, psychics or otherwise; astrology, psychic channeling, witchcraft, wicca, and Satan worship are contrary to Holy Scripture, and contrary to the tradition and teachings of the Episcopal Church, and must be avoided by the clergy and laity.

Resolution on the ordination of transvestites
Resolved, that the ordination of practicing transvestites to the episcopate, priesthood or diaconate is contrary to Holy Scripture and the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution on adultery
Resolved, that adultery is sin.

Resolution on fornication
Resolved, that fornication is sin.

Resolution on faithfulness in marriage and chastity
Resolved, that faithfulness in marriage and sexual abstinence apart from marriage are essential moral standards for all Christian people, clergy and laity alike.

Resolution on pornography
Resolved, that creating, publishing or viewing pornography is sinful, exploitative and degrading to children, women and men.

Resolution on sexual intercourse between adults and children
Resolved, that pedophilia is sin.

Resolution on permissiveness toward sin
Resolved, that it is not an act of love to encourage those who commit sin to believe that their behavior is sanctioned by God or the Church. When we deny sin to be sin, we also deny the possibility of repentance and reconciliation with God the Father.

Episcopalians United sponsors these resolutions to the Diocesan Convention

Resolution on salvation only through Jesus Christ
Resolved, that there is no name under heaven by which we are saved than the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Resolution on evangelism
Resolved, that the Church must proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

Resolution on the Church's mission
Resolved, that the Church's principal mission is the salvation of souls through the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ and witness to the truth of the Kingdom of God.

Resolution on references to the divine persons
Resolved, that calling any of the three divine persons of the Holy Trinity "Mother", "She" or otherwise referring to the divine persons of the Holy Trinity as being of the feminine gender is contrary to the revelation of Holy Scripture and the traditions, doctrine and practice of the Episcopal Church and must be avoided by both clergy and laity.

Resolution on the ordination of homosexuals
Resolved, that the ordination of practicing homosexuals, bisexuals or lesbians to the episcopate, priesthood or diaconate is contrary to Holy Scripture and the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution on sodomy
Resolved, that sexual intercourse between or among persons of the same gender is sin.

Resolution on same sex marriage
Resolved, that the blessing of sexual relationships or marriage between or among persons of the same gender is contrary to Holy Scripture and the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

For more information contact:

The Episcopal Synod of America
c/o 209 Ashmont Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Episcopalians United
c/o 44 Park Ave.
Whitman, MA 02382

N.O.E.L.
c/o 30 Brimmer St.
Boston, MA 02108