



Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019
Back Bay Events Center,
180 Berkeley Street, Boston MA
#DioMassCon19

Resolution (final form):

Support a Requirement that All Persons Sentenced to Life-Long Prison Terms in Massachusetts Be Given the Opportunity to Seek Parole Starting at 25 Years of Incarceration

Resolved, that the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts urges all members of congregations and affiliated organizations to support efforts to eliminate life without possibility of parole (LWOP) prison sentences in Massachusetts and to mandate parole review eligibility in all instances starting at 25 years of incarceration; and be it further

Resolved, that the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts expresses support for legislation guaranteeing the opportunity to seek parole review after 25 years of incarceration for all persons currently serving sentences in excess of 25 years as well as for those so sentenced in the future; and be it further

Resolved, that the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts expresses support for Massachusetts state Senate bill number 826 and House bill 3358, acts to reduce mass incarceration by the elimination of life without possibility of parole sentences through the requirement that all persons sentenced to terms of 25 years or more be eligible for parole review after 25 years of incarceration; and be it further

Resolved, that the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts requests the secretary of Convention to convey the Convention's support of Senate bill 826 and House bill 3358 to the Governor of Massachusetts and every legislator of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that delegates to the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts be urged to encourage their parishes and individual parishioners to communicate support for the elimination of life without possibility of parole prison sentences to their legislators.