

Transcript of Hannah Hutchens' Report from the 81st General Convention (GC81): Day Five

Hey friends, my name is Hannah Hutchens, and I am a deputy from East Carolina. And I just want to give you kind of my first-hand experience of my first time at General Convention. I have been beyond honored, and I just feel like it is such a privilege to be here, especially as I saw the election of the next Presiding Bishop.

And, just to be able to see how church governance and legislation goes into action. I am what I would lovingly call a "church nerd," and I find all of these things fascinating, and I find the way that we can take kind of, you know, secular world-like ideals of governance and policy and turn them into something with a spiritual edge to it.

And I find where that meets to be beautiful and so Holy Spirit-filled, and it's been just a joy to be able to watch it and to see it unfold. I cannot go without talking about GC Under 40, which is a caucus that solely is for everyone who is under the age of 40, right? It has been so valuable to be able to connect with people similar to my age and just see that I'm not the only one who is a church nerd.

There are others out there, and the way that they have not only welcomed me in, but made sure that the seat was pulled out for me, and ready, and waiting for me to sit at the table and just have opinions and be able to connect with people has been so amazing. I have thoroughly enjoyed this convention, and I cannot wait to see what The Episcopal Church unfolds in the next triennium.

Any other questions or you just to chat about it? I would love to connect. Thanks! Bye!