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**Resolution Number:** 1976-B117  
**Title:** Continue to Financially Support the Three Black Colleges  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, through September 23, 1976, strongly supports the continuance of financial support through the budget at no less than the present level and, if possible, at an increased level, to Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina; and St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia; and be it further** *Resolved*, **That financial support of these institutions be recognized as an important part of the ongoing missionary and educational work of the Church.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. C-8.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

**Author:**  
**Originating House:** House of Deputies  
**Originating Committee:** Committee on Education

### House of Deputies

On the Fourth Day, the Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Deputy Green (Southern Virginia), presented Report #3, Resolution B-117 on Financial Support for Certain Black Colleges, as amended and moved the following:

*Whereas*, the Ministry of Education is widely recognized as a

responsibility of the Episcopal Church; and

*Whereas*, St. Augustine's College (founded 1867), Raleigh, North Carolina; St. Paul's College (founded 1888), Lawrenceville, Virginia, and Voorhees College (founded 1897), Denmark, South Carolina, are institutions established by Episcopalians and supported in part by the Episcopal Church; and

*Whereas*, as a group, these colleges have provided a total of almost 300 years of education for Black youth, for whom neither public nor private alternatives were available because of their race; and

*Whereas*, over the years, as well as now, they have drawn students from the North and Mid-West, from Africa and the Caribbean, as well as from the southeastern section of this country; and

*Whereas*, Episcopal affiliation has been important for these three colleges, has helped attract serious students, dedicated faculty and ongoing, though inadequate, financial support; and

*Whereas*, as church related schools, they have consistently emphasized high standards in academic, personal and campus life; and have also emphasized individual and community responsibility, the chapel being as important as the classroom; and

*Whereas*, this affiliation has also been important for the Episcopal Church as evidence that its ministry in higher education has reached not only the privileged but youth who have been denied access to a college education solely because of their race; and

*Whereas*, presently, almost 3000 students attend these schools: St. Augustine's, 1500; St. Paul's, 500; and Voorhees, 900; and

*Whereas*, through the years, these colleges, though always inadequately funded, have been successful in training men and women who have been effective in many fields, training more than 30% of all Black Episcopal priests; and

*Whereas*, more than half of the students require scholarship and work-study aid; and

*Whereas*, the financial support of General Convention represents the critical difference between funds received from all other sources and funds needed; therefore be it

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, through September 23, 1976, strongly supports the continuance of financial support through the budget at no less than the present level and, if possible, at an increased level, to Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina; and St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia; and be it further

*Resolved*, that financial support of these institutions be recognized as an important part of the ongoing missionary and educational work of the Church.

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)