

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D094
TITLE: Young Adult Representation on Legislative Committees
PROPOSER: Mr. Samuel Gould
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A089 Affirm and Fund the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PSLE)
2006-A040 On the Topic of Leadership Skills and Training Materials for Young Adults (Rejected)
2003-A065 Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
2003-A079 Recommend Diversity Among General Convention Deputations
1997-A147 Consider Young Adults for National Church Service
1997-D089 Encourage Dioceses to Elect Young Adult Deputies
1994-B032 Give Thanks for Youth Presence Through Provincial Representatives
1994-D115 Support Seat and Voice for Youth at Church Conventions
1991-D116 Affirm the Importance of Young Adults in the Life of the Church

Indirectly Related:

2003-A077 Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.



Resolution Number: 2006-A040
Title: On the Topic of Leadership Skills and Training Materials for Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the ~~Congregational Development Office~~ Office for Young Adult Ministry to offer leadership training opportunities for young adults during the next triennium; and be it further

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development during the next triennium to (a) ~~include~~increase awareness of concerns about ministry with ~~Y~~young ~~A~~adults in training events and (b) develop *and provide mentoring models to parishes and dioceses so that established church leaders can foster leadership in young adults* ~~educational resources for parish and diocesan leaders (of all ages) who seek to provide Young Adult ministry~~; and be it further*

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult Ministry to develop strategies for young adults for the encouragement and inclusion in leadership roles in the life of the church ~~each diocese be required to have at least two adults under the age of 30 serving on diocesan governing boards~~; and be it further

Resolved, That parishes and dioceses be encouraged to appoint and/or nominate young adults age 18-30 to serve on vestries, boards, commissions and committees; and be it further

Resolved, That ~~the~~parishes and dioceses communicate widely the availability of these positions to young adults in the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the statistics related to ~~names of~~the young adults filling these positions be added to the annual diocesan parochial report.



Resolution Number: 2006-A089
Title: Affirm and Fund the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PSLE)
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the importance of the intentional presence of the voice and ministry of young adults in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) and fund the continuation of PLSE as an integral part of the work of vocational discernment leadership and ministry development in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$385,906 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 513.



Resolution Number: 2003-A065
Title: Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to review and identify existing internships and leadership programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, particularly seeking programs that focus on social justice, discipleship, simple living, intentional community, spiritual formation, theological reflection, and vocational discernment; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, congregations, educational institutions, and other organizations of our church to explore and develop new internships and leadership development programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, including programs that send young people into mission fields to do the work of the church; and to seek funding from additional sources to support this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to support these efforts, and to hold these programs up to dioceses, congregations, institutions, and other organizations of our church, so that they may be shared and implemented throughout our church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 per year, for a total of \$1,500,000 during the next triennium, for implementation of this resolution, and that this allocation be used to support young adults' participation in these programs and the development efforts that are encouraged in this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 609f.



Resolution Number: 2003-A079
Title: Recommend Diversity Among General Convention Deputations
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention recommend that diocesan conventions nominate candidates for deputations to General Convention that incorporate the next generations, and also the multilingual, multicultural character of our churches and communities, so that deputations reflect the vision we have for the church we are; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention recommend that all dioceses and congregations engage the vision when presenting candidates for all representative boards, including, but not limited to, vestries, delegations to diocesan conventions, and Standing Committees.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 337.



Resolution Number: 1997-A147
Title: Consider Young Adults for National Church Service
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That young adults in the 19 to 30 age range be considered for appointment as members of Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies of this Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 236.



Resolution Number: 1997-D089
Title: Encourage Dioceses to Elect Young Adult Deputies
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That each diocese of this church be encouraged to elect as one of its deputies a member who is 30 years old or less.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 284.



Resolution Number: 1994-B032
Title: Give Thanks for Youth Presence Through Provincial Representatives
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, That this 71st General Convention celebrates and holds before God the presence among us of Provincial youth representatives. We give thanks for a continuing youth presence, initiated by the 65th General Convention, and urge this active and visible presence in all areas of the church's life. These young Christians, characteristic of many other Convention visitors of their generation, have participated as fully in the life of this Convention as possible. They have learned much about the Church as a whole, have enriched us by the gift of their time, talents, convictions, and sharing of faith, and have provided models of Christian behavior that give us hope for a future of vibrant leadership in our Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 831.



Resolution Number: 1994-D115
Title: Support Seat and Voice for Youth at Church Conventions
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 71st General Convention allow, support, and accept seat, and voice, for the official Youth Presence of the General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That seat, and voice, be allowed, supported, and accepted for youth at their respective diocesan conventions.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 322.



Resolution Number: 1991-D116
Title: Affirm the Importance of Young Adults in the Life of the Church
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize and affirm the importance of young adults, those aged 18-35, in the life and ministry of the Episcopal Church;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit of the Church Center Staff be encouraged in its continuing work with young adult ministry;** and be it further

Resolved, **That this Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to continue the development of ministries with young adults, and to cooperate with the Church Center Staff in its research of existing efforts;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Church Center Staff through the Executive Council report its findings and make specific recommendations for action to the next General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 840.

TOPIC/TITLE: General Convention: Young Adult Representation on Legislative Committees

PROPOSER: Mr. Samuel Gould

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention
2 encourage the President of the House of Deputies to make every effort to appoint willing
3 deputies under the age of 30 to legislative committees of the General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

In 1997 the 72nd General Convention committed to the inclusion of young adults in leadership roles at every level of the church. In this General Convention only 5 of 25 deputies under the age of 30 have been placed on legislative committees. Given that deputies under the age of 30 bring a unique perspective it is important to include their voices on the committees where legislation is being crafted. If we wait to include them in this process until they are more experienced, their youthful voices will be lost.