

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A124  
**TITLE:** Foreign Lands Task Force  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church  
**COMMITTEE:** World Mission

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A166 Support Development of an Anglican Covenant  
1997-A204 Develop Partnership for Global Mission

**Indirectly Related:**

2003-A150 Call the Church to Study the World Mission Document, "Companions in Transformation"

*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-A166  
**Title:** Support Development of an Anglican Covenant  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God's mission; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, and report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops' Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 339-340.



**Resolution Number:** 1997-A204  
**Title:** Develop Partnership for Global Mission  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That this 72nd General Convention commend to the Church the Standing Commission's report, which responds to the 71st General Convention's call for a comprehensive theology, strategy, and structure for the Church's international mission work; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to initiate development of a Partnership for Global Mission, in consultation with the Standing Commission on World Mission, the Anglican and Global Relations Office of Executive Council, and the existing mission network known as the Episcopal Council for Global Mission; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the purpose of this partnership will be to strengthen the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and its work with other mission groups to increase church wide participation and cooperation in the sending and receiving of missionaries on an international basis; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the partnership will be accountable to Executive Council through regular reporting to and oversight by that body, and that member organizations of the partnership will:*

**Affirm the mission theology found in the Standing Commission's report;**

**Implement the mission strategies found in the Commission's report;**

**Comply with the Anglican Communion's Partnership in Mission (PIM) principle that mission organizations be invited by the relevant Anglican Ecclesiastical Authority before engaging in a program or sending persons to an area where an Anglican body exists;**

**Share information regarding missionary appointments with each other, with Bishops of home Dioceses, and with the Anglican and Global Relations Office;**

**Meet standards of fiduciary responsibility, including annual financial reports;**

**Provide cross-cultural training, including sexual misconduct prevention work;**

**and be it further**

*Resolved, That Executive Council will include in its report to the 73rd General Convention a report on the formation of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), pp. 199-200.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Structure: Foreign Lands Task Force  
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church  
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish,
- 2 pursuant to Joint Rule IX, a Task Force on Congregations in Foreign Lands to consider
- 3 and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention on The Episcopal Church's
- 4 theology of mission, ecclesiology and the need for a coordinated Anglican approach to
- 5 missionary work in areas outside existing Provinces of the Anglican Communion; and to
- 6 propose to the 78th General Convention, the constitutional, canonical or structural
- 7 changes that may be necessary to respond to these recommendations; and be it further
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- 9 *Resolved*, That the Task Force shall consist of 12 members (4 bishops, 4 clergy and 4 lay
- 10 persons) including, as far as practical, persons with expertise in missiology, ecclesiology,
- 11 Constitution and Canons, structure, the Anglican Communion and persons representing
- 12 areas currently covered by Canon I.15; and be it further
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- 14 *Resolved*, That the Task Force may, subject to its budget, request the assistance of
- 15 members of the Presiding Bishop's staff and other experts as consultants, and should
- 16 include in its deliberations consultations with representatives of other Provinces of the
- 17 Anglican Communion who have undertaken or may be planning missionary work in the
- 18 same areas as The Episcopal Church; and be it further
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- 20 *Resolved*, that the Task Force shall have a budget of \$100,000 for the next triennium; and
- 21 be it further
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- 23 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 24 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for the
- 25 implementation of this Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

*Review Status:* Not Yet Reviewed by PB&F

Resolution C-047 was also referred to the Commission. The Resolution, proposed by the Convocation of Churches in Europe, offered a complete revision of Canon I.15 to bring it into the 21st century, but it primarily addressed needs experienced by the churches in Europe. Since The Episcopal Church includes other congregations in foreign lands where no diocese exists, the Commission concluded that a broader study of the issues related to such congregations is necessary before this Canon is revised. Given the growth and changes in the Anglican Communion as a whole, a study of how foreign congregations established by or related to The Episcopal Church fit into a cohesive mission strategy for this province of the Anglican Communion and into the mission strategy of other members of the Communion or the Communion as a whole, is timely. The Commission, therefore, recommends a Task Force be assigned the responsibility to study the many factors in and implications of this Canon. The duration of the Task Force will be two triennia, since the mandate is broad and complex and requires consultation with other members of the Anglican Communion, a process that can be time consuming.