

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A128
TITLE: Funding Missionaries
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on World Mission
COMMITTEE: World Mission

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A128 Celebrate and Commend the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission
1994-D017 On the Topic of the Volunteers for Mission Program (Rejected)
1994-D032 On the Topic of the Office of World Mission (Rejected)
1991-A232 Permit Appointed Missionaries to Raise Funds in Support of Their Ministries
1991-A233 Request Support for Missionaries From Their Dioceses and Congregations

Indirectly Related:

2003-A152 Commend Collaboration with the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission
1997-A067 Request CPF to Study Pension Issues for Missionaries from Overseas
1997-A204 Develop Partnership for Global Mission
1991-A068 Uphold and Promote the Cross-cultural Missionary Vocation
1982-A128 Request Dioceses to Establish Committees on World Mission
1982-B055 Express Greetings to the Volunteers for Mission
1982-D092 Urge Expansion of the Volunteers for Mission Program

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: 2000-A128
Title: Celebrate and Commend the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention celebrate the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) as established by Executive Council and inaugurated in April 2000; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention commend EPGM to the congregations and dioceses of the Church as a network of organizations assisting the church with sending and receiving missionaries, training and educating for mission, and raising funds for world mission; and be it further
Resolved, That this convention thank the Episcopal Council for Global Mission (ECGM) for its ten years of advocacy on behalf of world mission and wish its organizations well as they enter the new era of EPGM, which replaces ECGM; and be it further
Resolved, That this convention request Executive Council to include the progress of EPGM in its report to the 2003 General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 477f.



Resolution Number: 1994-D017
Title: On the Topic of the Volunteers for Mission Program
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 71st General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the ~~Partnerships Unit of the Episcopal Church Center~~ through its office of Anglican and Global Relations to continue the Volunteers for Mission program for the 1995-1997 ~~next~~ triennium at ~~the~~ a level of \$100,000 per year in addition to the restricted investment income that is designated for Volunteers for Mission ~~support it has received during the current triennium~~, subject to funding in the budget.



Resolution Number: 1994-D032
Title: On the Topic of the Office of World Mission
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 71st General Convention declares that global missionary engagement is central to the identity and calling of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention directs the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society through its office of Anglican and Global Relations to continue to: invite applications for long term appointed missionary service, screen candidates, provide orientation, and appoint Episcopalians to serve in cross-cultural, international mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to cooperate with Episcopal voluntary missionary societies by sharing information about mission resources and opportunities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention appropriate annually in the 1995-97 triennium \$750,000 if funds are available for the support of long-term appointed missionaries; and be it further

Resolved, That, in order to strengthen this missionary outreach of the Church, one full-time executive staff position be restored to the Anglican and Global Relations office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and that \$65,000 be appropriated; subject to funding in the budget.



Resolution Number: 1991-A232
Title: Permit Appointed Missionaries to Raise Funds in Support of Their Ministries
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That missionaries appointed by the Presiding Bishop, who receive support from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, may from time to time raise funds in support of their ministries, following the guidelines set by the Executive Council.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 312.



Resolution Number: 1991-A233
Title: Request Support for Missionaries From Their Dioceses and
Congregations
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the several dioceses of this Church and their congregations encourage and financially support their members who serve by appointment as missionaries of this Church.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 312.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
- 2 Episcopal Church maintain level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as mission
- 3 partners throughout the world be maintained at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and
- 4 that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance, participation in the pension plans
- 5 of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and reentry briefing; and be
- 6 it further
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- 8 *Resolved*, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to
- 9 engage this Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and
- 10 that it carries out this mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the
- 11 world; and be it further
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- 13 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
- 14 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$1,377,000 for the year 2010; \$1,440,000
- 15 for the year 2011; and \$1,543,000 for the year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel; and be
- 16 it further
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- 18 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
- 19 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$4,360,000 for the implementation of this
- 20 Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

The SCWM strongly affirms the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society's focus on missionary engagement and understands our commitments in this area to be central to the DFMS mandate. The proposed budget for mission personnel includes increases that will make it possible to continue the current level of mission sending. (This increase affects mission personnel only and does not increase Episcopal Church Center staff salaries.) The substantial increase the first year and the additional increases in the second two years of the triennium are mandatory if we are to provide necessary health insurance, pension and other benefits. The budget request from the SCWM reflects an increase in the Mission Personnel budget of \$250,000 in 2010, with additional increases of \$100,000 each year following.

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