

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A129
TITLE: Mission Orientation in the New Bishop's Conference
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on World Mission
COMMITTEE: World Mission

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A159 Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
1997-A204 Develop Partnership for Global Mission
1994-A137 Direct Parishes and Dioceses to Study and Participate in Global Mission

Indirectly Related:

1988-A185 Urge Participation in the Companion Diocese 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: 2006-A159
Title: Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that The Episcopal Church is in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commend the Windsor Report and process as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further

Resolved, That as an expression of interdependence, the Presiding offices of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 338.



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.



Resolution Number: 1994-A137
Title: Direct Parishes and Dioceses to Study and Participate in Global Mission
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That each diocese and congregation study issues with regard to the Episcopal Church's participation in the global mission of Christ and develop their own plan of action; and be it further**

Resolved, **That each diocese and congregation invite a cross-cultural missionary to share her or his experiences of global mission; and be it further**

Resolved, **That dioceses and congregations exchange lay and ordained ministers of the Gospel with other churches and jurisdictions in the Anglican Communion; and be it further**

Resolved, **That such reciprocal mission partners assist the receiving diocese or congregation in discerning the will and grace of God in its local context; and be it further**

Resolved, **That networks such as companion dioceses, parish linkages, and voluntary missionary societies, and the Anglican and Global Relations office of the Episcopal Church Center be used as vehicles for such exchanges; and be it further**

Resolved, **That each diocese appoint one presbyter and one lay person to assist local congregations in carrying out such studies and exchanges; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the Standing Commission on World Mission collect reports from the dioceses on the progress of such studies and exchanges and use the results to assist in developing a long-range plan for the Episcopal Church's global mission; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the following resources be utilized in these studies:**

***Global Education for Mission: A Leaders Guide.* New York: The Episcopal Church Center, n.d.**

Horine, Robert B. *Partners in Mission USA II: A Popular Report.* Cincinnati: Forward Movement Publications, 1993.

Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Consultation. *Belonging Together: A Study Document.* London: The Anglican Communion Secretariat, 1992.

McGeary, Laura and James Rosenthal, ed. *A Transforming Vision: The Official Report of the Joint Meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council.* London: Anglican Communion Office, 1993.

Mission Issues and Strategy Advisory Group II. *Towards Dynamic Mission: Renewing the Church for Mission.* London: Anglican Consultative Council, 1992.

Standing Commission on World Mission. *Mission in Global Perspective.* Cincinnati: Forward Movement, 1985.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 675-76.

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A129

TOPIC/TITLE: Bishops: Mission Orientation in the New Bishop's Conference
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on World Mission
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
2 Episcopal Church, thankful for the relationship building between bishops of this Church and
3 bishops of other Anglican Churches at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and mindful of the hope
4 that these relationships might be deepened by visitation, one to another, mandate the inclusion of
5 world mission orientation in the New Bishop's Conference as well as an annual one day world
6 mission orientation and strategy meeting (perhaps in conjunction with another gathering of the
7 House of Bishops) for bishops intending to develop deeper cross cultural relations with bishops of
8 other Churches in the Anglican Communion; and be it further
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10 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
11 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the year 2010; \$10,000 for the
12 year 2011; and \$10,000 for the year 2012; and be it further
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14 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
15 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this
16 Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

Two new initiatives have grown from the experience of bishops at the Lambeth Conference, the participants at the "Everyone, Everywhere" mission conference and long term strategies developed by Mission Personnel staff in conjunction with the SCWM and the Executive Council. The Commission understands that bishops at Lambeth experienced the great gift of personal engagement with bishops elsewhere in the Communion and expressed the desire to continue and develop such relations. We propose that the Mission Personnel Office, working with the Mission Education Office, develop a presentation to be made at the New Bishops Conference and urge bishops both to develop such relationships. We propose an annual three day mission conference for bishops initiating new Episcopal relations in the following twelve months. We propose a line item of \$10,000 a year in the next triennium for these two annual activities.

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