

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A189
TITLE: Mission Cooperation in the Americas
PROPOSER: Executive Council
COMMITTEE: World Mission

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A129 Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas Dioceses

Indirectly Related:

2006-A159 Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
2006-A166 Support Development of an Anglican Covenant
2000-C009 Celebrate Diversity and Structure of the Anglican Communion and Affirm Understanding of Authority
2000-D047 Encourage Dialogue with "Continuing Anglican Churches"
1997-B019 Approve New Autonomous Province of Central America
1985-D065 Encourage Relationships With the Churches in Central America

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-A129
Title: Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas Dioceses
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention commend to Executive Council the efforts of the Consultation on Autonomy held in October 1999 by the Standing Commission on World Mission with autonomous jurisdictions that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church, namely, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, the Anglican Church of Central America, the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia (now a member of the Province of West Africa), the Anglican Church of Mexico, and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to honor the Church's continuing covenants and agreements with jurisdictions of the Anglican Communion that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church to ensure that all of the Episcopal Church's responsibilities under the covenants are carried out and that the Church work in companionship with them to carry out God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to nurture companionship with the Church's present overseas jurisdictions - namely, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Litoral, Taiwan, the Virgin Islands, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, and the Church in Micronesia - to ensure growth toward maturity among all participants and including ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to set long-range financial goals for the portion of the program budget devoted to overseas ECUSA jurisdictions; develop and publicize a plan for meeting such goals; and determine the feasibility of a "campaign for autonomy" that would avoid the need for lengthy covenant commitments if and when autonomy is undertaken by any overseas jurisdictions; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to include the Church's overseas jurisdictions in all communications planning and programming, especially electronic communications; and to prepare a plan in consultation with the Companion diocesan network to encourage companion relationships with geographically distant overseas jurisdictions and provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that all Executive Council members are briefed thoroughly at least once a year on the status of overseas ECUSA jurisdictions, autonomy processes being undertaken by ECUSA jurisdictions and covenants with autonomous jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that overseas ECUSA dioceses are effectively represented on decision-making bodies of the Church and that the decision-making bodies of ECUSA continue to seek the perspectives of the jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 533f.

TOPIC/TITLE: Mission Cooperation in the Americas

PROPOSER: Executive Council

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention expresses
 2 its gratitude to the leadership of the Provinces of the Anglican Church of Brazil, the
 3 Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of the Central Region of America
 4 (IARCA), The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Mexico, the dioceses of
 5 Uruguay, Peru and Cuba in gathering to extend our common participation in God's
 6 mission through the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation (MRMC) in Costa
 7 Rica from February 22 to 27, 2009; and be it further

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 9 *Resolved*, That this Convention commends the communication from the Mutual
 10 Responsibility in Mission Consultation, entitled "Amazing Together" as a vision to
 11 inform The Episcopal Church's cooperation in mission with sisters and brothers in the
 12 Americas; and be it further

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 14 *Resolved*, That this Convention urge the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican
 15 Consultative Council and the Primates Meeting to support and encourage ongoing
 16 regional gatherings of Anglican churches in the Americas for greater cooperation and
 17 coordination in God's mission; and be it further

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 19 *Resolved*, That the General Convention charge Executive Council through the
 20 International Concerns Committee to pursue the possibilities of additional consultations
 21 of Anglican churches in the Americas as prayed for in "Amazing Together"; and be it
 22 further

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 24 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
 25 Program, Budget and Finance to include \$7000 in the 2010-2012 Budget of The
 26 Episcopal Church towards the facilitation of the next mission consultation for Anglican
 27 Churches in the Americas

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EXPLANATION:

The Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation (MRMC) in Costa Rica from February 22 to 27, 2009 was an historic opportunity for Anglicans in the Americas to come together to live more deeply into our common calling to God's mission in the Western Hemisphere. The Episcopal Church was a full partner in

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planning, and participating in, the Consultation. The Consultation's communication "Amazing Together" is an important vision for how The Episcopal Church can cooperate in mission with sisters and brothers in Christ in the Americas. This resolution commends the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation, urges the leadership of the Anglican Communion to support such regional gatherings of Anglicans in the Americas, and provides minimal financial resources to facilitate the planning of another consultation.