

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-D007  
**TITLE:** Sudan Peace and TEC Partnership  
**PROPOSER:** Mr. Russell V Randle  
**COMMITTEE:** World Mission

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1994-D012      Support Human Rights and Church Relations in Sudan

**Indirectly Related:**

2006-C003      Refer a Resolution on Commemoration of the Martyrs of the Sudan  
2006-C043      Refer a Resolution on Inclusion of a Genocide Remembrance Day in the Calendar of  
                    *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (Referred)  
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:** 1994-D012  
**Title:** Support Human Rights and Church Relations in Sudan  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 71st General Convention commends the Archbishop of Canterbury for his Christmas 1993 visit to Nimule, Sudan, in which he demonstrated pastoral encouragement of the church; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to urge the U.S. Secretary of State to respond appropriately to the Special Rapporteur's March 1994 report to the U.N. Human Rights Commission of violations of the rights of displaced persons and of defendants in legal proceedings; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop request the Secretary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council to inform donor agencies worldwide of our confidence in the New Sudan Council of Churches as a channel for relief assistance of victims of the Sudan civil war; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Executive Council be instructed to find means of communication which will stimulate American public awareness of the precarious status of human rights of the people of the Nuba mountains and southern Sudan; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Executive Council be instructed to encourage the forming of additional Companion Relations between dioceses of this Church and dioceses of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 184-85.

TOPIC/TITLE: Sudan Peace and TEC Partnership

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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the  
 2 following objectives to guide our church's advocacy for peace in Sudan: (a) support for  
 3 the full and timely implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of  
 4 2005, settling the prior civil war between the north and south, (b) support for increased  
 5 private investment for economic development in southern Sudan, as now permitted by  
 6 U.S. law, (c) continued and increased U.S. government development assistance in  
 7 southern Sudan and other areas affected by war in Sudan, and (d) an early end to  
 8 hostilities in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan, and assuring full access by humanitarian  
 9 organizations to assist refugees; and be it further

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 11 *Resolved*, That the General Convention urge each diocese in The Episcopal Church  
 12 (TEC) to consider, after careful consultation, entry into a Companion Diocese  
 13 Relationship or other covenant-based link relationship with a diocese in the Episcopal  
 14 Church of Sudan (ECS) or with an ECS-approved Bible translation project, as a means  
 15 (a) to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in both the TEC and ECS, and (b) to  
 16 further the cause of peace in Sudan. Each TEC diocese is requested to report the results  
 17 of such consideration by July 1, 2010 to the Executive Council for posting on appropriate  
 18 TEC websites after review by Executive Council; and be it further

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 20 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request our Presiding Bishop to designate, after  
 21 consultation with other interested denominations, a period of several weeks in 2010 as a  
 22 Season of Prayer for peace in Sudan, where our churches are urged to include prayer for  
 23 peace in Sudan in each public liturgy, and that such Season of Prayer culminate in a  
 24 National Day of Prayer for peace in Sudan, including the celebration of relationships by  
 25 TEC dioceses and churches with the ECS.

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EXPLANATION:

Sudan has been at war continuously since 1983. While the north-south Civil War concluded with the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) after two million people had perished and the church endured long and harsh persecution, vicious fighting broke out in Darfur in western Sudan in 2003, and continues, while armed conflict periodically erupts elsewhere in Sudan, threatening to undo the CPA or spread

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violence to eastern Sudan. Outside experts and Sudanese church leaders report that peace in Darfur and elsewhere in the Sudan depends very heavily on the full implementation of the CPA and the involvement of southern Sudan in helping to mediate a peace among the rest of the country. This resolution sets priorities for our church's governmental advocacy to bring about such peace. The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) has been a tireless witness for the Gospel, for peace, and for peaceful development to aid all the people in Sudan. The ECS now reports four million members and twenty-seven dioceses; the people, clergy, and the church are robust Episcopalians whose witness for the Gospel and work for peace would be strengthened by partnerships with TEC dioceses, parishes, and church-related organizations, such as Bible translation projects for tribal languages which do not yet have the full Bible in their mother tongue. This resolution encourages such partnerships. Understanding that prayer is an essential aspect of our work for peace, this resolution requests the Presiding Bishop to designate a period of several weeks as a period for public prayer for peace in Sudan, after consultation with other denominations such as the ELCA, which have indicated clear interest in joint work for peace in Sudan. Our Presiding Bishop has been a strong advocate of such work for peace in Sudan as well as the Millennium Development Goals.

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