

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D049
TITLE: Continued Support for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America
PROPOSER: The Rev. Dr. Lee A. Crawford
COMMITTEE: World Mission

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A129 Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas
Dioceses
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the Americas
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the Americas
1985-C044 Affirm the Formation of the Province of the Central Region of America
1985-D065 Encourage Relationships With the Churches in Central America

Indirectly Related:

None



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.



Resolution Number: 1997-B019
Title: Approve New Autonomous Province of Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America approve the request of the Central American Dioceses of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama and releases them to form a new autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion, beginning January 1, 1998; and be it further

*Resolved, That the General Convention of 1997 approve the Covenant, which includes a continued partnership in mission and a forty year progressive financial reduction plan, for the new Province, subject to review and revision every three years by the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Executive Council, and the IARCA Provincial Council, said plan having been approved by the Covenant Committee of PECUSA and the Anglican Church of the Central Region of America otherwise known as *Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (IARCA)*; and be it further*

Resolved, That the new Province of Central America, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, develop and implement a pension program no later than January 1, 2003.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 241.



Resolution Number: 1994-C040
Title: On the Topic of the Dioceses of Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 71st General Convention of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America extend the trial period of the Central American Dioceses of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama by three years with the purpose of becoming a province of the Anglican Communion.



Resolution Number: 1991-C038
Title: Approve an Additional Three-year Trial Period of Autonomy for the Central Region of the Americas
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention extend the trial period of the Central Region of the Americas, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, by three additional years.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 771.



Resolution Number: 1988-C045
Title: Approve Additional Trial Period of Autonomy for the Province of the Central Region of the Americas
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That having received the requests from the Dioceses of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala and Costa Rica, the 69th General Convention approve an additional three-year trial period for the dioceses in their effort to form a new autonomous Province of the Central Region of the Americas.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 308.



Resolution Number: 1985-C044
Title: Affirm the Formation of the Province of the Central Region of America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 68th General Convention affirm the formation of the Central Region of America, consisting of the Dioceses of Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador, as the first step toward the development of an autonomous province within the Anglican Communion; and be it further**
Resolved, **That the Executive for World Mission be requested to notify the dioceses involved of this action taken at the 68th General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 577.



Resolution Number: 1985-D065
Title: Encourage Relationships With the Churches in Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 68th General Convention recognize the difficult mission of our dioceses in Central America and urge all Episcopalians to study carefully the 1984 and 1985 Task Force Reports prepared by the Presiding Bishop's delegations to Central America; and be it further**

Resolved, **That Diocesan World Mission Committees be encouraged to examine all possible opportunities for assistance by their dioceses and congregations within their dioceses, and to establish special relationships with the Churches in Central America, including possible exchange visits, in response to invitation already extended by our Bishops in Central America.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 250.

TOPIC/TITLE: Covenant: Continued Support for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America

PROPOSER: The Rev. Dr. Lee A. Crawford

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1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention give
2 thanks for the continuing ministry of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región de Central de
3 América and her five dioceses; and be it further

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5 Resolved, That the 76th General Convention continue this historic relationship; and be it
6 further

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8 Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
9 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$2,233,488 for the
10 implementation of this resolution.

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EXPLANATION:

The Province of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región de Central de América was once a part of The Episcopal Church. Through strong and faithful lay and clergy leadership, the church has grown steadily in the twelve years that the Covenant Agreement has been in effect. Over that time, our support has been reduced as envisioned in the agreement at an average rate of 2.2% per year. The Province of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región de Central de América is committed to reach financial independence by 2037. It is imperative at this time of economic distress that the figure of \$2,233,488 in the proposed budget for this coming triennium be adopted without reduction.

Endorser(s):The Rev. Joseph D. Jerome, Ms. Anne C. Brown

Review Status:Not Yet Reviewed by PB&F