

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A033
TITLE: Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns
COMMITTEE: National and International Concerns

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-A028 Encourage Support for Women and Children in War-Torn Areas
2003-D020 Oppose Legal Systems Which Violate Human Rights
2000-A130 Affirm Solidarity with and Support for Persecuted Christians in Sudan
2000-B033 On the Topic of Divestiture from the Sudanese Oil Industry (Rejected)
1994-D012 Support Human Rights and Church Relations in Sudan

Indirectly Related:

None

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: 2003-A028
Title: Encourage Support for Women and Children in War-Torn Areas
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention encourage dioceses to assist all Episcopalians to learn about the plight of and provide support for women and children of all faiths in war torn areas, recent examples including Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Colombia, Sudan, and Liberia.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 327.



Resolution Number: 2003-D020
Title: Oppose Legal Systems Which Violate Human Rights
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention support the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Anglican leaders who have jointly affirmed with Islamic leaders in various countries our shared desire to honor those teachings in our respective traditions which work to avoid coercion and respect individual liberty; and be it further

Resolved, That in further dialogue, particular attention be paid to vigorously oppose any nation's or other governmental body's imposition or continuation of a legal system which violates fundamental human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the application of these principles by the United States government to the reconstruction underway in Iraq and Afghanistan, in peace negotiations in Sudan, and in ongoing discussions with Nigeria and Indonesia, with particular attention to the rights of religious minorities, women, and those seeking to change their faith.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 677.



Resolution Number: 2000-A130
Title: Affirm Solidarity with and Support for Persecuted Christians in Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America continue to affirm its solidarity through prayer and witness with the Episcopal Church of Sudan in support of Christians suffering from the effects of the longest civil war in recent history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge local and national advocacy efforts to raise awareness of people in this Church to the persecution being inflicted upon the people of Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church through its Office of Government Relations urge that the U.S. government assign the highest priority to advancing a just peace in Sudan by applying pressure on the government of Sudan, and working with our allies, especially Egypt, to end the war; and be it further

Resolved, That all Episcopalians are urged to work against the genocide occurring in Sudan, caused by the National Islamic Front, the current ruling regime, and other contributing warring factions' use of food as a weapon, abduction and enslavement of human beings, aerial bombardment of and raids on civilian targets, denial of religious freedom, and other acts of terror and harassment; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians are encouraged to give generously to enable the people of Sudan to rebuild their lives, by providing the means to train people in areas of expertise that will help them to live full, productive lives, allowing women and men equally to have access to small business endeavors; encouraging the gift of medical drugs, medical equipment and human resources; and finally, by supporting the restoration of the educational system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention continue to reaffirm the Episcopal Church's solidarity with all Christians in all places who suffer persecution and all persons, of whatever religion, who suffer persecution by reason of their faith.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 577f.



Resolution Number: 2000-B033
Title: On the Topic of Divestiture from the Sudanese Oil Industry
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Church Pension Fund, and other church investors are strongly urged, to the extent permissible under laws governing fiduciaries, to do the following regarding the Sudanese oil industry:

- Review their financial holdings;
- Consider divestment, shareholder resolutions, or other appropriate strategies to deter investment in Talisman Energy, Petrochina, BP Amoco, and other entities materially engaged in the petroleum industry under the current Sudanese government; and be it further

Resolved, That all Episcopalians are likewise urged to follow these guidelines in regard to the Sudanese oil industry, by not investing in any entity that supports the current government and that fuels the government's military efforts and systematic civil violence against the Sudanese people.



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.

09 - National and International Concerns

A033

TOPIC/TITLE: International Relations: Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan

PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with
Justice Concerns

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention
2 commends to Episcopalians the report *The Search for Peace and Reconciliation in*
3 *Southern Sudan*, published by a joint delegation of bishops in The Episcopal Church and
4 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that traveled to the Sudan in April 2008;
5 and urges continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peace with justice in
6 the Sudan as outlined in this report, specifically: (1) Renewed international commitment
7 to the successful political implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement;
8 (2) Increased and better-coordinated economic-development and investment efforts, both
9 public and private, in Southern Sudan; and (3) Internationally coordinated efforts to care
10 for and resettle the more-than 600,000 refugees and persons who have been displaced
11 internally as a consequence of the Sudan's long-running conflicts.

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