

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A036  
**TITLE:** Haiti  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns  
**COMMITTEE:** National and International Concerns

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2000-A010 On the Topic of a Commission on Haitian and Dominican Migration (Rejected)  
2000-A012 Call for Partnerships to Address the Needs of Haiti  
1994-D125 Urge International Effort to Relieve the Haitian Situation  
1991-C054 Express Solidarity With Sugar Cane Workers in the Dominican Republic

**Indirectly Related:**

1985-D125 Urge Government to Grant Departure Status to Guatemalan and Haitian Refugees  
1982-A063 Encourage Relief for Refugees

*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-A010  
**Title:** On the Topic of a Commission on Haitian and Dominican Migration  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected  
**Text of the Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 73rd General Convention, as a matter of peace and justice, call on Executive Council to fund a program to carry out short and long term social, legal, and medical projects to stop the exploitation, inhuman repatriation, and illegal discrimination of Haitian and Dominican migrants, inhumanities which happen on both sides of the Haiti-Dominican Republic border. These projects will constitute a unique cooperative border ministry between these two dioceses of the Episcopal Church. A joint commission designated by the Bishop of Haiti and the Bishop of the Dominican Republic will implement these projects. Funding for these projects will total \$90,000.00 for the triennium.



**Resolution Number:** 2000-A012  
**Title:** Call for Partnerships to Address the Needs of Haiti  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention call on the Executive Council, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD/PBFWR), the Mission Personnel Office, the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission, Companion Dioceses, the United Thank Offering, and the dioceses of ECUSA to work in partnership with the Diocese of Haiti to address the Haitian people's most urgent needs, nurture the Diocese of Haiti's independence through strategic and long-range planning, and foster mutual learning through the exchange of human resources in the form of teachers for schools, agronomists to assist farmers to reclaim land for agricultural purposes and reforestation, and medical personnel for hospitals; and be it further*

*Resolved, That, in the spirit of Partnership in Mission, the many parishes, dioceses, and agencies of the Episcopal Church that minister in Haiti through the Haiti Partnership explore ways in which members of the Episcopal Church outside Haiti can learn from the spirituality and witness of Episcopalians and other Christians in Haiti; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Episcopal Church, based upon its long standing commitment, call upon the U.S. and Haitian governments, in consultation with non-governmental agencies, to develop a poverty reduction strategy for Haiti; and be it further*

*Resolved, That U.S. aid, debt relief, and trade initiatives be directed to implement this poverty reduction strategy.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 517.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-D125  
**Title:** Urge International Effort to Relieve the Haitian Situation  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 71st General Convention express its deep concern for the present situation faced by the people of Haiti;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That this General Convention request the Presiding Bishop to urge the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, and the Secretary General of the United Nations to do all that is possible:**

- a. **to remove the embargo against Haiti because of its effect on the poor;**
- b. **to bring about a negotiated solution to the Haitian situation.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 810.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-C054  
**Title:** Express Solidarity With Sugar Cane Workers in the Dominican Republic  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 70th General Convention express its solidarity with sugar cane workers and their families in light of the neglect, anguish and terror suffered by all those who live in the Sugar Plantations of the Dominican Republic; and be it further**  
*Resolved*, **That the Episcopal Church (Anglican) urge the Haitian and Dominican authorities to work to guarantee the human rights of these people as children of God and also to take emergency steps to guarantee the human rights of these people being deported or about to be deported without their earnings, their personal effects, and their families; and be it further**  
*Resolved*, **That this Convention express its full support and solidarity with the deported Haitians, their broken families, and with the other sugar cane workers through the Dioceses of Haiti and the Dominican Republic; and be it further**  
*Resolved*, **That copies of this resolution be sent to the governments of Haiti and the Dominican Republic and desk officers for these countries in the Department of State.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 242.

**09 - National and International Concerns**

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention stand in  
2 solidarity with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from recent natural disasters,  
3 political turmoil, economic hardship, social dislocation and environmental degradation; and be it  
4 further  
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6 *Resolved*, That the General Convention commend to all Episcopalians the Diocese of Haiti as a  
7 model of faithful ministry through its extensive and exemplary network of educational, medical  
8 and cultural institutions serving the people of Haiti; and be it further  
9 *Resolved*, That the Convention urge the National Association of the Episcopal Schools in the  
10 United States to partner with the Diocese of Haiti in supporting its 253 educational institutions  
11 serving over 80,000 Haitian students; and be it further  
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13 *Resolved*, That the Convention urge the Society for the Increase of the Ministry to recognize and  
14 support the Theological Seminary of Haiti in its continuing efforts to instruct and counsel the next  
15 generation of Episcopal clergy in the Church's largest diocese; and be it further  
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17 *Resolved*, That the Convention urge congregations and dioceses within the Church to support the  
18 Diocese of Haiti through companion relationships; and be it further  
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20 *Resolved*, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government  
21 Relations in their continuing efforts to work with the United States Government to increase  
22 disaster and developmental assistance to Haiti; to extend trade preferences for Haitian exports to  
23 the United States; to secure accelerated debt cancellation for Haiti; and to designate Temporary  
24 Protected Status to Haitian immigrants living in the United States.  
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