

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A038  
**TITLE:** Reaffirm Resolution 1991-A149  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns  
**COMMITTEE:** National and International Concerns

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2003-D008 Urge Israel to End Policy of Demolition of Palestinian Homes  
1994-A104 Deplore the Sale and Export of Conventional Armaments  
1994-D065 Recognize Illegality of Israeli Settlements in Gaza and the West Bank  
1991-A149 Urge a Full Accounting of the Use of Foreign Aid in the Middle East  
1991-D008 Urge a Peaceful Resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
1991-D186 Express Concern Over Weapons in the Middle East and Call for Arms Controls

**Indirectly Related:**

2006-A012 On the Topic of Israel's Occupation of Palestine (Rejected)  
1994-A103 Affirm 1993 Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles  
1991-A147 Support a Two-state Solution for Israel and the Palestinian People  
1991-A148 On the Topic of the Middle East (Rejected)  
1991-D187 Study and Report on the Issue of the International Sale of Armaments  
1988-D053 Affirm Goals of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation for Israelis and Palestinians

*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-D008  
**Title:** Urge Israel to End Policy of Demolition of Palestinian Homes  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 74th General Convention recognize that Israeli demolition of Palestinian homes in the Gaza Strip and the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is illegal under international law and is a deterrent to the peace process, and therefore call upon the President and the U.S. government to urge the State of Israel to end its policy of the demolition of Palestinian homes.***

[At the request of the House of Bishops, the following reference is added: Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilians, 1948. *Ed.*]

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 320f.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A104  
**Title:** Deplore the Sale and Export of Conventional Armaments  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 1994 General Convention of the Episcopal Church goes on record as deploring the sale and export of conventional arms of war; and be it further***  
***Resolved, That the Congress of the United States be urged to enact Legislation which prohibits such sale and export; and be it further***  
***Resolved, That the United Nations be urged to adopt regulations prohibiting international arms sales by its members; and be it further***  
***Resolved, That the Secretary of the 1994 General Convention be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the President, the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Commerce, and to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to Members of Congress, and that the Washington Office of the Episcopal Church be directed to report to the Standing Commission on Peace with Justice on this subject.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 312.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-D065  
**Title:** Recognize Illegality of Israeli Settlements in Gaza and the West Bank  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 71st General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize that Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip and the occupied territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem are illegal under international law and an obstacle to peace, and, therefore, calls upon the United States government:**

1. **to withhold funds equivalent to those used by Israel for any settlement activity;  
and**
2. **to make those funds available to Israeli settlers leaving the occupied territories for resettlement in pre-1967 Israel and equally for Palestinians accepting the principles of compensation for their lands and homes in Israel;**

and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the General Convention commends the brave leadership of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yassir Arafat for their bold steps towards peace.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 310.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-A149  
**Title:** Urge a Full Accounting of the Use of Foreign Aid in the Middle East  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 70th General convention of the Episcopal Church calls on the United States government to render a full accounting of all military assistance and sales of military equipment to all nations in the Middle East, and to develop a plan for reducing the amount of military arms in the entire region; and be it further**

*Resolved*, **That this General Convention urges the President of the United States and the Members of Congress, during this period of *de facto* annexation of Palestinian land, to develop a policy which requires the State of Israel to account to the Government of the United States for the use of all aid in whatever form that the United States grants to the State of Israel and its instrumentalities, in full compliance with all sections of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; and be it further**

*Resolved*, **That this General Convention requests the President of the United States and the Members of Congress to take appropriate steps to ensure that no assistance provided the State of Israel shall be used to cause the relocation of Palestinian people from their homes, nor for new settlements to be located in the occupied areas of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem; with further relocations and new settlements to result in the immediate curtailment of aid from the United States.**

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



**Resolution Number:** 1991-D008  
**Title:** Urge a Peaceful Resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church:**

1. **affirms the importance of the Church in the exercise of its prophetic role by standing on the side of the oppressed, including both the Palestinian people and the people of Israel, in their struggle for justice, and by promoting justice, peace and reconciliation for all peoples in the Middle East; and**
2. **reaffirms the existence of the State of Israel and its right to secure borders recognized by all nations, as well as the civic and human rights of all those who live within its borders; and**
3. **commits itself to continued prayer for Israelis and Palestinians, for Muslims, Jews and Christians, for the achievement of justice, peace and reconciliation for all;**

and be it further

*Resolved*, **That this 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church goes on record in support of Secretary of State Baker's efforts to convene a conference to resolve the Palestinian/Israeli conflict in which all parties involved are included;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That this 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the President and the Congress of the United States:**

1. **to require the State of Israel to account to the Government of the United States for all aid in whatever form that the United States grants to the States of Israel and its instrumentalities in compliance with all sections of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as far as all sections of the Act are applied to Arab governments in the region; and**
2. **to hold in escrow aid to Israel by an amount equal to any expenditures by the Government of Israel to expand, develop or further establish Israeli settlements in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem and only release the aid from escrow if proof is given that settlements are not being established;**

and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the Episcopal Church in the United States urges each diocese to take an active interest in the events taking place in the Middle East through study programs, sponsoring forums and workshops;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, the Secretary of State and all Members of the Congress of the United States.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 237.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-D186  
**Title:** Express Concern Over Weapons in the Middle East and Call for Arms Controls  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church deplores the reintroduction of weapons of all kinds into the Middle East by any nation; and be it further Resolved, That the Episcopal Church call upon the Government of the United States to take all appropriate action to develop means to restrict and control all international arms sales and distribution.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 377.

**09 - National and International Concerns**

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TOPIC/TITLE: International Relations: Reaffirm Resolution 1991-A149  
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Justice Concerns  
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19 settlements to be located in the occupied areas of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem; with  
20 further relocations and new settlements to result in the immediate curtailment of aid from the  
21 United States."  
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23 and to note that the situation of the people living in these lands has tragically deteriorated since its  
24 enactment 18 years ago.  
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