

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A043  
**TITLE:** Relief for Victims of International Criminal Gangs  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns  
**COMMITTEE:** National and International Concerns

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1997-D081      Develop Advocacy Agenda of Refugee Admissions and Asylum

**Indirectly Related:**

2006-A017      Adopt the Fundamental Principles Included in "The Alien Among You" as the Policy of the Episcopal Church  
2000-D022      Support the UN's "Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence"  
1994-A101      Urge the US Government to Apply Equitable Refugee Policies  
1994-D005      Call for Church Opposition to Violence  
1991-C022      Renew Commitment to Address Violence in Society  
1985-D113      Request Congress to Reform Immigration Legislation  
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.*



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**Title:** Develop Advocacy Agenda of Refugee Admissions and Asylum  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Submitted  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church charge Episcopal Migration Ministries with the responsibility for developing and implementing an advocacy agenda which reflects the concern of the Episcopal Church that the U.S. Government uphold a generous program of refugee admissions in response to the worldwide refugee crisis, maintain a just system of asylum for persecuted persons seeking safety in the United States, and ensure that needy immigrants are not unfairly denied access to essential services and benefits.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 250.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The  
2 Episcopal Church, urge the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to stand in solidarity with and  
3 support of those dioceses in the Anglican Communion struggling with the ravages of gang  
4 activities, particularly in helping those dioceses provide more youth ministries and education; and  
5 be it further  
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7 *Resolved*, That the convention urge the United States Government and the United Nations to  
8 extend international refugee conventions and national immigration norms to provide relief to  
9 victims of criminal gangs; and be it further  
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11 *Resolved*, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government  
12 Relations in their work with the U.S. government to increase the focus and commitment to  
13 conquer the cancer of gangs, both local and international.  
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