

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A044
TITLE: AD Hoc Team on International Gangs
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns
COMMITTEE: National and International Concerns

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-A065 Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
2003-A128 Reaffirm Commitment to Educational Support of Young People
1994-B017 Request Dioceses and Parishes to Initiate Ministries for Children at Risk
1991-A069 Develop Ministries of Evangelism With Youth
1988-D152 Affirm Youth Ministry and Request a Report
1985-A142 Develop a Forceful Strategy for Evangelism to Reach Young Adults

Indirectly Related:

2003-A126 Promote Juvenile Justice Reform
2000-C010 Expand the Ministry of the OBAF Office to Address Juvenile Justice Issues
2000-D080 Affirm and Study Youth Ministry Programs at All Levels
1994-B016 Commemorate St. Francis Academy and Commit to Work for Troubled Families
1991-D116 Affirm the Importance of Young Adults in the Life of the Church

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-A065
Title: Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to review and identify existing internships and leadership programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, particularly seeking programs that focus on social justice, discipleship, simple living, intentional community, spiritual formation, theological reflection, and vocational discernment; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, congregations, educational institutions, and other organizations of our church to explore and develop new internships and leadership development programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, including programs that send young people into mission fields to do the work of the church; and to seek funding from additional sources to support this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to support these efforts, and to hold these programs up to dioceses, congregations, institutions, and other organizations of our church, so that they may be shared and implemented throughout our church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 per year, for a total of \$1,500,000 during the next triennium, for implementation of this resolution, and that this allocation be used to support young adults' participation in these programs and the development efforts that are encouraged in this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 609f.



Resolution Number: 2003-A128
Title: Reaffirm Commitment to Educational Support of Young People
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that all young people are created in the image of God and possess potential to love and serve God. Further, the Convention recognizes that many aspects of our culture work to obscure the image of God in young people and render all young people "Youth At Risk"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church reaffirm its commitment to support the development of caring, competent, faithful, and loving young people and provide sufficient human and financial resources in the Office of Youth Ministries to challenge, inspire, and support dioceses and parishes in their work with young people; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention commend the following programs and educational possibilities for local implementation:

- Literacy programs, including reading, cultural, social, spiritual, and computer literacy
- Mentoring programs
- Conflict resolution and anger management programs
- Religious education programs and curricula that recognize the socio-economic, ethnic, racial, linguistic, and cultural diversity of our church
- After school programs
- Creation and maintenance of Episcopal schools that provide access to all youth
- Development of Episcopal camps to provide access to all youth.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 321.



Resolution Number: 1994-B017
Title: Request Dioceses and Parishes to Initiate Ministries for Children at Risk
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 71st General Convention requests each member diocese through its Diocesan Council or equivalent body to establish a Children's Ministry Fund, the proceeds of which shall be used as grants-in-aid for ministries carried out through the diocese, its parishes and institutions, to respond to the urgent needs of children through church-related ministries, especially in Christian education and formation and those which address issues of poverty, racism, and abuse in the wider society; and be it further

Resolved, That to initiate this effort, dioceses are urged to consider designating 50% or more of the money saved in 1994-95 through the Church Pension Fund waiver on pension assessments on bishops and other diocesan-paid clergy staff as an initial fund for this purpose, and establish criteria and develop a mechanism through which parishes may make decisions to accomplish the same end, in their own communities and urban or rural areas of special need; and be it further

Resolved, That at all levels of church life those responsible for the church's program devote a percentage of their personal time and resources to working directly with children and young people; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes, in conjunction with other religious and community organizations, be urged to conduct public hearings in or in relationship to public schools, encouraging children and young people to speak out on the issues and problems facing them, calling on the Church Center staff for children and youth ministries to assist in the development and dissemination of a model for accomplishing such hearings; and be it further

Resolved, That in their efforts to become significant advocates for the needs of children and youth, parishes and dioceses be urged to seek out and align themselves with community and national organizations already serving the needs of children, such as the Children's Defense Fund and Bread for the World, and to support existing government and voluntary programs such as the WIC program and Head Start by making available space and volunteers as appropriate and feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Feast of the Holy Innocents or other appropriate date be observed as a time of prayer for children at risk and remembrance of those who have been victims of violence and that the Standing Liturgical Commission be asked to create resources to assist congregations and dioceses in such an observance.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 321-22.



Resolution Number: 1991-A069
Title: Develop Ministries of Evangelism With Youth
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to make every effort to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to young people and call them to decisions for Christ, so that they may be provided with an alternative to the life styles set before them in our culture; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to continue the development of ministries of evangelism with youth and to report their growth in that development to the next General Convention through the Youth Ministries Office; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention calls upon the church at all levels to offer training for youth and adult leaders in ministries of evangelism with youth.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 809.



Resolution Number: 1988-D152
Title: Affirm Youth Ministry and Request a Report
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 69th General Convention affirm that the goal of youth ministry is to make all young people full and active participants in the life of the church, and request the Presiding Bishop to urge additional funding if necessary from appropriate non-budgeted sources in order to enable the youth ministry network:**

1. **to identify how young people are full and active participants in the life of the church with a conscious concern about the inclusion of minorities and youth with disabilities;**
2. **to document the existence of full-time diocesan youth coordinators and the effects of that ministry;**
3. **to document the number and nature of youth programs in dioceses, the annual cost of such programs and the results achieved;**
4. **to evaluate the effect of youth involvement in ministry;**
5. **to evaluate the support relationship between congregational, diocesan, provincial and national youth programs of the Episcopal Church and recommend action which will strengthen the Church's ministry with youth; and**
6. **to report [its] findings and recommendations for action and funding at the 70th General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 306.



Resolution Number: 1985-A142
Title: Develop a Forceful Strategy for Evangelism to Reach Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 68th General Convention request that a forceful strategy for evangelism targeted to reach young adults, ages 18-35, be developed by the Joint Commission on Evangelism and Renewal in cooperation with the Education for Mission and Ministry division of the Executive Council.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 188.

09 - National and International Concerns

A044

TOPIC/TITLE: International Relations: AD Hoc Team on International Gangs
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with
Justice Concerns
C&C PAGE:
BB PAGE: 103

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
- 2 Episcopal Church urge that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of
- 3 Deputies appoint an ad hoc team to share resources and collaborate on a vision and
- 4 concrete actions for the Church to provide the identity and belonging that many youth are
- 5 currently finding in gangs; and be it further
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- 7 *Resolved*, That membership of this team should include, but not be limited to, multiple
- 8 youth representatives and multiple representatives from Province IX and should report
- 9 back to the Church no later than the 77th General Convention on methods and programs
- 10 of pastoral care, prevention, mentoring and intervention.
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