

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A152
TITLE: Preservation of Burial Sites
PROPOSER: Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries
COMMITTEE: National and International Concerns

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-D046 Reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant
2003-C008 Reaffirm the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"
1997-A035 Designate a "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"

Indirectly Related:

1991-C041 Urge Creation of Government Commission on the Rights of American Indians
1979-B058 Urge Congress to Establish a Hawaiian Native Claims Commission

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: 2006-D046
Title: Reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant and engagement of this Church with Indigenous Peoples, designating the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, renewing the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, and enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries to plan and help coordinate appropriate celebrations, events and materials for the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, with progress reports to be presented to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 704.



Resolution Number: 2003-C008
Title: Reaffirm the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church of the United States of America in the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Minneapolis in July, 2003, reaffirm the 72nd General Convention's designation of the decade 1997–2007 as the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation" during which each diocese will take such steps as necessary to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, which will include a special effort toward developing an outreach partnership among urban Native Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider and adopt a budget allocation for Native American ministries, working with the Episcopal Council of Indigenous Ministries, of \$1,500,000 funding for the triennium, for grants for projects which seek to welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, providing leadership training programs for young adults, evangelism programs for youth, and mission among urban and rural Native Peoples; and that progress reports be presented at the 75th General Convention. This proposed funding allocation is in addition to proposed funding allocations as found in the Budget Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to the 74th General Convention on pages 30 (Domestic Appropriations) and 26 (Ethnic Congregational Development—Native American Ministries).

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 209f.



Resolution Number: 1997-A035
Title: Designate a "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church of the United States of America in its 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Philadelphia in July, 1997, designate the decade 1997-2007 as the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation" during which each diocese will take such steps as necessary to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, which will include a special effort toward developing an outreach partnership among urban Native Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church designate the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries with \$30,000 funding for the triennium, and with responsibility for planning appropriate celebrations, events, and materials for the Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, and that progress reports be presented at the 73rd General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 87.

09 - National and International Concerns

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TOPIC/TITLE: Preservation of Burial Sites
PROPOSER: Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
- 2 Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries to study and assess the preservation of
- 3 burial sites and other sacred places of Indigenous Peoples in the countries that comprise The
- 4 Episcopal Church and to report its findings to the Executive Council and the 77th General
- 5 Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

The concern that sacred burial sites are being desecrated was raised at the New Jamestown Covenant Summit in November 2007.