

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-B031
TITLE: Hope for Reconciliation in Honduras
PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen
COMMITTEE: National and International Concerns

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A129 Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas
Dioceses
1991-A160 Call for Peace and Non-military Assistance in Central America
1988-C017 Support Efforts Toward Peace in Central America
1985-A129 Call for a Negotiated, Non-military Solution to Conflict in Central America
1985-D065 Encourage Relationships With the Churches in Central America

Indirectly Related:

None

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-A129
Title: Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas Dioceses
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention commend to Executive Council the efforts of the Consultation on Autonomy held in October 1999 by the Standing Commission on World Mission with autonomous jurisdictions that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church, namely, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, the Anglican Church of Central America, the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia (now a member of the Province of West Africa), the Anglican Church of Mexico, and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to honor the Church's continuing covenants and agreements with jurisdictions of the Anglican Communion that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church to ensure that all of the Episcopal Church's responsibilities under the covenants are carried out and that the Church work in companionship with them to carry out God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to nurture companionship with the Church's present overseas jurisdictions - namely, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Litoral, Taiwan, the Virgin Islands, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, and the Church in Micronesia - to ensure growth toward maturity among all participants and including ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to set long-range financial goals for the portion of the program budget devoted to overseas ECUSA jurisdictions; develop and publicize a plan for meeting such goals; and determine the feasibility of a "campaign for autonomy" that would avoid the need for lengthy covenant commitments if and when autonomy is undertaken by any overseas jurisdictions; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to include the Church's overseas jurisdictions in all communications planning and programming, especially electronic communications; and to prepare a plan in consultation with the Companion diocesan network to encourage companion relationships with geographically distant overseas jurisdictions and provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that all Executive Council members are briefed thoroughly at least once a year on the status of overseas ECUSA jurisdictions, autonomy processes being undertaken by ECUSA jurisdictions and covenants with autonomous jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that overseas ECUSA dioceses are effectively represented on decision-making bodies of the Church and that the decision-making bodies of ECUSA continue to seek the perspectives of the jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 533f.



Resolution Number: 1991-A160
Title: Call for Peace and Non-military Assistance in Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 1991 General Convention of the Episcopal Church:**

1. **Greets and gives assurance of prayers and support to the Episcopal Church and its Bishops in the Dioceses of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and Costa Rica;**
2. **Re-affirms the statement of the 67th General Convention calling upon the Government of the United States and all other nations to end military assistance to El Salvador and other Central American countries in order to obtain a just and lasting peace;**
3. **Re-affirms the statement of the 68th General Convention that supported negotiated, rather than military, solutions to the civil war in El Salvador and other regional conflicts, and respect for human rights;**
4. **Supports a strong role for the United Nations Secretary General and his representative who is facilitating the current negotiations in El Salvador;**
5. **Supports the transfer of U.S. military aid money to a reconstruction fund which can be used for demobilization, monitoring political settlements, and reconstruction and development, including for refugees and repopulations; with the requirement that economic aid be used for humanitarian purposes and must not be given as unrestricted cash transfers to the Salvadoran government or used for any project controlled by the Salvadoran military;**
6. **Urges the U.S. Secretary of State to insist on the continued investigation and full prosecution of those responsible for the 1989 assassination of the six (6) Jesuit priests and two (2) women;**
7. **Calls on the United States government to carry through on its promises to assist in rebuilding the societies of Nicaragua and Panama, on which United States money and military actions have inflicted such destruction;**

and be it further

Resolved, **That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and to Episcopal and other appropriate members of the Congress.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 368.



Resolution Number: 1988-C017
Title: Support Efforts Toward Peace in Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 69th General Convention declare its backing to president Azcona and the other Central American presidents in their attempts toward peace;** and be it further

Resolved, **That all the Central American presidents be asked to fulfill and respect the signed agreement;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the General Convention also declare its support to the Peace Accord of Esquipulas, that they may help us in our search for peace and harmony in Central America.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 326.



Resolution Number: 1985-A129
Title: Call for a Negotiated, Non-military Solution to Conflict in Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 68th General Convention support the unanimous vote of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church calling on the United States government and all other governments involved, to take concrete actions in support of the Contadora initiative and process; to work toward negotiated, rather than military, solutions to regional conflicts; to cease all covert and overt activities aimed at destabilizing governments in the region; to affirm and respect the principles of national sovereignty, self-determination, and non-intervention in domestic affairs; and to respect human rights; and be it further**

Resolved, **That dioceses and congregations encourage all members to study this declaration of the Executive Council, and to share their individual views on this declaration and the situation in Central America with those in authority in Washington.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 255.



Resolution Number: 1985-D065
Title: Encourage Relationships With the Churches in Central America
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 68th General Convention recognize the difficult mission of our dioceses in Central America and urge all Episcopalians to study carefully the 1984 and 1985 Task Force Reports prepared by the Presiding Bishop's delegations to Central America; and be it further**

Resolved, **That Diocesan World Mission Committees be encouraged to examine all possible opportunities for assistance by their dioceses and congregations within their dioceses, and to establish special relationships with the Churches in Central America, including possible exchange visits, in response to invitation already extended by our Bishops in Central America.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 250.

09 - National and International Concerns: HD

B031

TOPIC/TITLE: International Relations: Hope for Reconciliation in Honduras

PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize
2 that the June 28, 2009 coup in Honduras has resulted in a complex and troubling situation
3 for our brothers and sisters there; and be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That this Convention call for dialogue between those of differing views, with
6 respect and tolerance for all, and the hope of bringing reconciliation to the people of
7 Honduras; and be it further
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9 *Resolved*, That this Convention call upon Costa Rican President Oscar Arias who is
10 seeking to negotiate a solution to the crisis to do so by listening to all sides and working
11 for a resolution that is beneficial to all Hondurans; and be it further
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13 *Resolved*, That this Convention go on record in opposition to the actions of the
14 Organization of American States in suspending Honduras from participation in its
15 workings; and be it further
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17 *Resolved*, That this Convention call upon the World Bank and Inter-American
18 Development Bank to reverse decisions to suspend aid and loans to Honduras, actions
19 which will only be detrimental to the Honduran people; and be it further
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21 *Resolved*, That this Convention ask that the Government of the United States not take
22 actions that will penalize the people of Honduras; and be it further
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24 *Resolved*, That this Convention call upon all Episcopalians to pray for the people of
25 Honduras and to continue the important and meaningful diocesan and parish companion
26 relationships with Honduras.
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Endorser(s): The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, The Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek