

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A094
TITLE: Recruiting Music Leaders
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A079 Endorse the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations

Indirectly Related:

2006-A089 Affirm and Fund the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PSLE)
2003-A077 Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults
2003-B010 Continue Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations
2000-A064 Endorse and Fund the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations
2000-B015 Support Development of Episcopal Educational Materials for All Ages
1997-A099 Authorize Continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians
1994-A092 Authorize the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving in Small Churches

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-A079
Title: Endorse the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations (LPM), which provides musicians who serve small congregations with continuing education for musical leadership in liturgy; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$75,000 for the implementation of this resolution and that this appropriation be administered by the Office for Liturgy and Music.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 479.

TOPIC/TITLE: Church Music: Recruiting Music Leaders
 PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
- 2 Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consult with musicians from the variety of
- 3 Episcopal music and educational organizations and devise an action plan for the recruitment and
- 4 training of people, especially youth, to become Episcopal Church music leaders; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music evaluate the plan and report back
- 7 to the 77th General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

Canon II.5 states "It shall be the duty of every Minister to see that music is used as an offering for the glory of God and as a help to the people in their worship in accordance with The Book of Common Prayer, and as authorized by the rubrics or by the General Convention of this Church... In fulfilling this responsibility the Minister shall seek assistance from persons skilled in music." The Music Committee of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music has identified in The Episcopal Church an acknowledged church-wide shortage of "persons skilled in music." Though the Leadership Program for Musicians (an ecumenical program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Episcopal Church, The Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the United Church of Christ Musicians' Association) is effective in training people who already have some basic instrumental and song-leading skills, there is a need to prepare people, particularly youth, to participate in this or some other program.