

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C026
TITLE: Establish ERD Sunday
PROPOSER: Diocese of Central Florida
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-D022 Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority
2000-A109 Commend and Endorse the Presiding Bishop's Capital Fund Campaign
2000-B010 Express Gratitude to PBFWR and Endorse Adoption of a New Name
1985-A082 Affirm the Church's Response to Global Hunger
1985-D106 Express Gratitude to the Ecumenical Leadership of the PBFWR

Indirectly Related:

2006-A010 Affirm "Call to Partnership" and Pursue Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
2003-B022 Support Anglican Provinces in Africa
2003-D006 Endorse UN Millennium Development Goals
1994-B026 Support Capital Funds Appeal for Diocese of Liberia and Cuttington College
1991-D201 Commend the Church's Continuing Efforts to Provide Relief in the Persian Gulf
1982-A154 Call Upon Congregations to Increase Their Ministry to the Poor
1979-D124 Urge Congregations to Continue to Sponsor Refugee Resettlement

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-D022
Title: Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the leaders and members of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief and Development and program ministries of The Episcopal Church, for their leadership on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, both through public advocacy and implementation of MDG programs in the developing world; and commend parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses, and others, like Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and the Micah Challenge, for their support of the implementation of the MDGs in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this Church for far deeper communion with all of God's beloved; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium, and that each diocese, congregation, and parishioner be urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals by July 7, 2007 (07/07/07); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget line item of no less than an additional 0.7% (circa \$900,000) of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church for work that supports the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability, and
8. Create a global partnership for development with a focus on debt, aid, and trade.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses to designate the Last Sunday after Pentecost, or such days as may be designated ecumenically for commendation of the MDGs, as special days of prayer, fasting, and giving in The Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that all dioceses establish a global reconciliation commission or similar body dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns report to the 76th General Convention on the progress that has been achieved in implementing this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention endorse “The ONE Campaign,” the U.S. movement for the MDGs, through The Episcopal Church’s “ONE Episcopalian” campaign; call on all parishes, missions, congregations, dioceses, and individuals to join the ONE Episcopalian campaign; and publicly endorse The ONE Campaign’s call for the United States government to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global poverty, and to be active advocates for the achievement of this work.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 522-524.



Resolution Number: 2000-A109
Title: Commend and Endorse the Presiding Bishop's Capital Fund Campaign
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention commend to the church the proposed capital campaign of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and heartily endorse this effort to develop a significant endowment to increase the Fund's ability to address the root causes of poverty, ill health, illiteracy, and economic injustice, and for the support of necessary administration of the Fund.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 500.



Resolution Number: 2000-B010
Title: Express Gratitude to PBFWR and Endorse Adoption of a New Name
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church express its profound and abundant thanks to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, which for sixty years has responded faithfully and well to people in need throughout the United States and the world. Since its founding in 1940 through the vision of people of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, the Fund has served as the foremost tangible expression of relief and development through this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary, rejoice in the adoption of the new name of "Episcopal Relief and Development" under which this great work will continue and grow in response to human need in the service of Jesus Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention call on the people of the Episcopal Church to respond generously to Episcopal Relief and Development as an expression of our Christian compassion and in response to the Baptismal Covenant to love and respect the dignity of every human being.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 277.



Resolution Number: 1985-A082
Title: Affirm the Church's Response to Global Hunger
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 68th General Convention affirm the response of the Episcopal Church to global hunger and famine;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Episcopal Church observe October 16 of each year as World Food Day and use the week which includes this date to join with religious and secular organizations in local communities everywhere to study the root causes of hunger at home and abroad;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the National Hunger Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, through their networks, continue to provide opportunities and educational resources to assist Episcopalians to work actively towards eradication of hunger through:**

1. **Generous gifts for relief, rehabilitation and developmental aid;**
2. **Participation in local hunger relief programs;**
3. **Public policy advocacy to encourage domestic and international relief and to promote just distribution of the world's resources; and**
4. **Worship, prayer, education and reflection;**

and be it further

Resolved, **That Episcopalians be encouraged to use the opportunities afforded by the diversity of the Anglican Communion to institute partnership programs in development which address basic issues of hunger, disease, poverty, discrimination, and illiteracy;** and be it further

Resolved, **That congregations be encouraged to develop programs and to share their discoveries and responses through the networks of the National Hunger Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 204.



Resolution Number: 1985-D106
Title: Express Gratitude to the Ecumenical Leadership of the PBFWR
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 68th General Convention acknowledge and give thanks for the ecumenical leadership and support of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in being our Church's channel for funding and participation in inter-Anglican, ecumenical and interfaith response to disaster, hunger, human displacement, and development needs.**

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

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
2 Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development
3 Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief
4 & Development's live-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help
5 heal
6 a hurting world.
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