

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C030
TITLE: Establish ERD Sunday
PROPOSER: Diocese of Vermont
COMMITTEE: Prayer Book, Liturgy & Church Music

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A109 Commend and Endorse the Presiding Bishop's Capital Fund Campaign
1985-A082 Affirm the Church's Response to Global Hunger

Indirectly Related:

2006-D022 Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority
2003-D006 Endorse UN Millennium Development Goals
1988-A111 Call Upon Members to Work on Behalf of the Poor and the Common Good
1982-A154 Call Upon Congregations to Increase Their Ministry to the Poor

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-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: 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.

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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 life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help
5 heal a hurting world.
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EXPLANATION:

In 2008, the Presiding Bishop designated the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and as an annual celebration of Episcopal Relief & Development's role in our collective mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons. The Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fight poverty and disease around the world is lived out in a variety of ways. Advocacy with our government for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is one vital way. Another is through the ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development, which, as the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church, works globally to alleviate hunger, fight disease, and strengthen communities.