

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A105
TITLE: Fresh Start
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Ministry Development
COMMITTEE: Ministry

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-B017 Commend the Fresh Start Program

Indirectly Related:

2003-B018 Commend the Effort of Families of Clergy United in Support
1997-A085 Urge Dioceses to Prepare Strategies for Congregational Development
1991-A064 Establish Educational Opportunities for New Congregational Development

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: 2003-B017
Title: Commend the Fresh Start Program
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention commend the use of Fresh Start, a resource for congregations and clergy in transition, as a program of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm the collaborative partnership of the Office for Ministry Development and Church Deployment Office of The Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church Foundation, the dioceses, and the National Fresh Start Committee, in the development and on-going support of Fresh Start; and be it further
Resolved, That Fresh Start adapt this material in order to provide for its use in culturally diverse settings; and be it further
Resolved, That the Fresh Start partners report back to the 75th General Convention regarding the program's impact upon clergy, congregations, and dioceses.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 687.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the
- 2 Fresh Start program as a resource for clergy and congregations in transition in The Episcopal
- 3 Church; and be it further
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- 5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention affirm both the office of Ordained Ministry and CDO: the
- 6 Office for Transitions Ministry within the Mission Leadership Center of The Episcopal Church
- 7 Center, The Episcopal Church Foundation, CREDO Institute, Inc., and the fifty-nine dioceses
- 8 currently engaged in Fresh Start programs as an outstanding model of collaborative partnerships
- 9 within The Episcopal Church; and be it further
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- 11 *Resolved*, That the General Convention affirm and commend the national-level Fresh Start staff,
- 12 coordinators and faculty for their contributions to the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in the
- 13 form of exceptional facilitator training and curriculum; and be it further
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- 15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention continue to fund the national-level Fresh Start program in
- 16 the next triennium in the amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000 per year); and be it further
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- 18 *Resolved*, That the Fresh Start partners report back to the 77th General Convention regarding the
- 19 program's continued positive impact upon clergy, congregations and dioceses; and be it further
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- 21 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
- 22 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$225,000 for the implementation of this
- 23 Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

" Is a diocesan-led program for clergy and congregations in transition, with training and resources provided by a national-level support staff." Is a transformational program that is systemic in nature addressing the church system, as well as the clergy and lay individuals involved with the program" Has completed two extensive evaluations since the program began on a national level in 2000. Both evaluations confirmed the validity of the program, indicating that the trust level among the dioceses, clergy and congregations has improved in dioceses who have implemented the program." Continues to expand into

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more dioceses-there are now 59 dioceses with active programs, six more than in 2007." Continues to respond to the needs of the dioceses-revising training and curriculum several times since its inception. The latest versions of the training and curriculum (Version 3.0) have received high praise, averaging 6.425 on a 7.0 scale at training events" Is a successful collaborative venture in funding, administration and implementation and a model of how collaboration among several agencies can result in outstanding programs that can benefit the entire church." Collaborative partners include the General Convention, Episcopal Church Foundation, CREDO Institute, Inc. and the dioceses running programs Without the necessary support from General Convention, the future of Fresh Start would be in jeopardy.