

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A149  
**TITLE:** Support for the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI)  
**PROPOSER:** Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries  
**COMMITTEE:** Ministry

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-D046 Reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant  
2003-C008 Reaffirm the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"  
2000-C012 Allocate Funding for Indigenous Theological Training Institute of North America  
1997-A034 Support and Fund the Indigenous Theological Training Institute  
1997-A035 Designate a "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"

**Indirectly Related:**

1997-D051 Increase Funding to Dioceses Ministering to Native Americans

*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-D046  
**Title:** Reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm the Jamestown Covenant and engagement of this Church with Indigenous Peoples, designating the decade of 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, renewing the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, and enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People; and be it further***

***Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries to plan and help coordinate appropriate celebrations, events and materials for the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, with progress reports to be presented to the 76th General Convention.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 704.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-C008  
**Title:** Reaffirm the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That The Episcopal Church of the United States of America in the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Minneapolis in July, 2003, reaffirm the 72nd General Convention's designation of the decade 1997–2007 as the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation" during which each diocese will take such steps as necessary to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, which will include a special effort toward developing an outreach partnership among urban Native Peoples; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider and adopt a budget allocation for Native American ministries, working with the Episcopal Council of Indigenous Ministries, of \$1,500,000 funding for the triennium, for grants for projects which seek to welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, providing leadership training programs for young adults, evangelism programs for youth, and mission among urban and rural Native Peoples; and that progress reports be presented at the 75th General Convention. This proposed funding allocation is in addition to proposed funding allocations as found in the Budget Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to the 74th General Convention on pages 30 (Domestic Appropriations) and 26 (Ethnic Congregational Development—Native American Ministries).*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 209f.



**Resolution Number:** 2000-C012  
**Title:** Allocate Funding for Indigenous Theological Training Institute of North America  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the Episcopal Church of the United States of America support new directions in American Indian training through the Indigenous Theological Training Institute in North America; and be it further***

***Resolved, That \$450,000 be allocated in the triennium to fully develop the Indigenous Theological Training Institute placed under coordination of the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministry, with report on progress at the next General Convention.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 627.



**Resolution Number:** 1997-A034  
**Title:** Support and Fund the Indigenous Theological Training Institute  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Submitted  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the Episcopal Church of the United States of America support new directions in American Indian leadership training through the Indigenous Theological Training Institute in North America; and be it further***

***Resolved, That \$375,000 be allocated in the triennium to fully develop the Indigenous Theological Training Institute and placed under coordination of Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministry, with report on progress at the next General Convention.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 797f.



**Resolution Number:** 1997-A035  
**Title:** Designate a "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation"  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Episcopal Church of the United States of America in its 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Philadelphia in July, 1997, designate the decade 1997-2007 as the "Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation" during which each diocese will take such steps as necessary to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life, which will include a special effort toward developing an outreach partnership among urban Native Peoples; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church designate the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries and Office of Native American Ministries with \$30,000 funding for the triennium, and with responsibility for planning appropriate celebrations, events, and materials for the Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation, and that progress reports be presented at the 73rd General Convention.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 87.

TOPIC/TITLE: Theological Education: Support for the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI)

PROPOSER: Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention requests
- 2 the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget
- 3 allocation of \$175,000 for support of the Indigenous Theological Training Institute; and
- 4 be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 7 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$175,000 for the
- 8 implementation of this Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

The Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI), founded in 1994 to improve theological training and leadership development in Native American communities has never received an increase in funding. The ITTI was founded to respond to the great lack of ordained and lay leaders in Native American communities. The ITTI has been successful in assisting dioceses in providing culturally appropriate theological training, but there is still much work to be done. A budget increase would help ITTI provide at least three more regional trainings. Priorities: " Doing Justice and Alleviating Poverty" " Claiming our Identity" " Growing Congregations" " Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Mission