

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A084  
**TITLE:** Continued Development of Province IX Curriculum Project  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Health  
**COMMITTEE:** Education

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A037 Reaffirm Commitment to Congregational Health and Evangelism  
2003-B024 Authorize a Task Force on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation

**Indirectly Related:**

2006-A100 Refer a Resolution on the Response to Christian Formation Crisis  
2000-B015 Support Development of Episcopal Educational Materials for All Ages  
1988-A035 Encourage Spanish-speaking Provinces to Translate Church Documents  
1988-A071 Develop an Educational Manual, Curriculum Materials and Video Resources

*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-A037  
**Title:** Reaffirm Commitment to Congregational Health and Evangelism  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to improve the health of our congregations and our church by faithfully living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by working toward the goals of 20/20; and be it further*

*Resolved, That each and every bishop deepen his/her commitment, intention, prayer, and action, individually and by working together through the House of Bishops, to cast a vision of mission for the church, and to lead us there; and be it further*

*Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church speak with passion about what God is doing in our lives in order to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ; and be it further*

*Resolved, That following the example of radical hospitality entrusted to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church invite others to join us in praise and service; and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention direct the Church Center staff to engage diverse populations including among others, youth and young adults, ethnic and racial populations, persons of various sexual orientation, persons with disabilities, various socio-economic classes, new immigrants, and communities in Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe to identify and develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this resolution be published in congregational and diocesan media to affirm our commitment to evangelism.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 322.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-B024  
**Title:** Authorize a Task Force on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 74th General Convention authorize the creation of a nine-year Task Force of Executive Council on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation that will*

- **Develop a comprehensive vision and strategy to strengthen Lifelong Christian Education and Formation throughout The Episcopal Church and equip people of all ages to experience, to tell about and to invite others into the Good News of the Gospel;**
- **Integrate Christian Formation into every area of the church's mission and ministry, recognizing that learning occurs in multiple ways throughout the entire life cycle;**
- **Identify and communicate resources and models that support the gifts and needs of a church of great diversity and that promote outcomes recommended by the 20/20 Strategy Group;**
- **Encourage conversation and collaboration among the many entities in the church that address specific aspects of Christian Education and Formation for mission and ministry;**
- **Provide international and ecumenical links for Christian Education and Formation; and be it further**

*Resolved, That this Task Force be composed of sixteen members: four bishops; four clergy; and eight lay persons; that the Task Force will meet at least two times a year, commencing in 2004, with additional small gatherings for conversation with selected groups involved in lifelong learning and formation; and that the Task Force will report on its work beginning at the 75th General Convention in 2006; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$120,000 for implementation of this resolution for the next three years.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 631f.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend
- 2 Province IX for their creative and collaborative work in creating curricula for use in their
- 3 province that is created from the grassroots and speaks in the language and idioms of the people
- 4 that will use those curricula; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of The Episcopal Church Center
- 7 be directed to complete the Province IX curriculum project, continuing the face-to-face process of
- 8 development that has begun creating these resources, and that this process be further developed as
- 9 a model for the creation of formation and educational materials that are to be used in non-Anglo
- 10 contexts; and be it further
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- 12 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on
- 13 Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$120,000 for the implementation of
- 14 this Resolution during the 2009-2012 triennium.
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**EXPLANATION:**

The Province IX curriculum project is a grassroots effort by curriculum writers under the auspices of the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of The Episcopal Church Center. When completed, this project will provide a cradle-to-grave process of formation that will address the challenges unique to Province IX. The Commission found this facet of the work to be of critical importance for ensuring cultural sensitivity in a church that is beginning to wrestle with its multi-cultural and multi-racial realities. The creation of formational and educational materials within the linguistic, idiomatic, cultural and racial contexts in which they will be used became a goal and an ideal for the Commission, which we raise up for The Episcopal Church at large. During its November 2007 meeting in the Dominican Republic, the Commission participated in a joint meeting session with PEALL, where the two bodies received a presentation by a group of curriculum writers from Province IX who, under the auspices of the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of The Episcopal Church Center, were creating a curriculum addressing the fundamentals of Episcopal formation for infants, young children, adolescents and adults. These lesson plans were developed using a process that empowered individuals fluent in the language, idioms and cultural needs of the churches of Province IX to create materials for that province, and provided an opportunity for the creation of formation materials that addressed those needs directly.

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