

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D077
TITLE: Commend Young Adult Ministry
PROPOSER: The Rev. Amy Real Coultas
COMMITTEE: Education

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A040 On the Topic of Leadership Skills and Training Materials for Young Adults (Rejected)
2006-A041 Affirm Importance of College and University Ministries
2006-A089 Affirm and Fund the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PSLE)
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Indirectly Related:

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Resolution Number: 2006-A040
Title: On the Topic of Leadership Skills and Training Materials for Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the ~~Congregational Development Office~~ Office for Young Adult Ministry to offer leadership training opportunities for young adults during the next triennium; and be it further

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Congregational Development during the next triennium to (a) ~~include~~increase awareness of concerns about ministry with ~~Y~~young ~~A~~adults in training events and (b) develop *and provide mentoring models to parishes and dioceses so that established church leaders can foster leadership in young adults*~~educational resources for parish and diocesan leaders (of all ages) who seek to provide Young Adult ministry~~; and be it further*

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Young Adult Ministry to develop strategies for young adults for the encouragement and inclusion in leadership roles in the life of the church~~each diocese be required to have at least two adults under the age of 30 serving on diocesan governing boards~~; and be it further

Resolved, That parishes and dioceses be encouraged to appoint and/or nominate young adults age 18-30 to serve on vestries, boards, commissions and committees; and be it further

Resolved, That ~~the~~parishes and dioceses communicate widely the availability of these positions to young adults in the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the statistics related to ~~names of~~the young adults filling these positions be added to the annual diocesan parochial report.



Resolution Number: 2006-A041
Title: Affirm Importance of College and University Ministries
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call upon the Executive Council and dioceses to affirm that college and university ministries are of vital importance to the mission of this Church as they are strategically located communities of young adult leaders, able to identify and respond to opportunities for mission and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the value of developing our young leaders of the church by providing opportunities for college and university students to participate fully in the councils of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are encouraged to give campus ministries canonical status as mission congregations, when appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses are urged to plant new campus ministries, where appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assist dioceses in ways that support this vision.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 226-227.



Resolution Number: 2006-A089
Title: Affirm and Fund the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PSLE)
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention recognize the importance of the intentional presence of the voice and ministry of young adults in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention affirm the work of the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) and fund the continuation of PLSE as an integral part of the work of vocational discernment leadership and ministry development in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$385,906 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 513.



Resolution Number: 2003-A032
Title: On the Topic of a Survey on Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 74th General Convention direct the Committee on the Status of Women, in cooperation with the 20/20 Committee and using a modified version of the 21st Century Survey, to study the attitudes, participation, and worship preferences of Episcopalians ages 15–30, *assuring that the survey participants reflect the multicultural diversity of the Church*; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider \$10,000 for the survey and \$1,500 for printing be allocated from the program budget for this work.



Resolution Number: 2003-A065
Title: Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to review and identify existing internships and leadership programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, particularly seeking programs that focus on social justice, discipleship, simple living, intentional community, spiritual formation, theological reflection, and vocational discernment; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, congregations, educational institutions, and other organizations of our church to explore and develop new internships and leadership development programs for 18–30 year-old members of our church, including programs that send young people into mission fields to do the work of the church; and to seek funding from additional sources to support this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Ministries with Young People Cluster be directed to support these efforts, and to hold these programs up to dioceses, congregations, institutions, and other organizations of our church, so that they may be shared and implemented throughout our church; 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 \$500,000 per year, for a total of \$1,500,000 during the next triennium, for implementation of this resolution, and that this allocation be used to support young adults' participation in these programs and the development efforts that are encouraged in this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 609f.



Resolution Number: 2003-A066
Title: Affirm Campus Ministry
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention call upon the Executive Council, the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church to affirm existing campus ministries and explore new and creative forms of campus ministry, new sources of funding and to commit adequate resources in time, talent, and treasure to ensure a significant and effective ministry at each campus.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 669.



Resolution Number: 2003-A077
Title: Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention adopt a vision as part of the 20/20 initiative that there shall be effective, well-organized ministries with children, youth, and young adults in every congregation where appropriate; and there shall be campus ministries in all colleges and universities where appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention commend the work of the Ministries with Young People Cluster, which has three networks: (1) youth ministries, (2) Christian education ministries, and (3) higher education ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention direct the Ministries with Young People Cluster to create an additional network for young adult ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That in order to accomplish these training goals by 2009 the Youth Ministries Cluster, in coordination with the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, call upon their provincial networks to develop and implement in the dioceses, training strategies that include, but are not limited to:

- **education in leadership development;**
- **sharing of technology, training resources, curricula, theological, and multicultural resources;**
- **practical application for life-long Christian formation;**
- **the strengthening of the existing networks in dioceses and provinces; and be it further**

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$250,000 per year for each of the four ministry networks (1) youth ministries, (2) Christian education ministries, (3) higher education ministries, and (4) young adult ministries for a budget allocation of \$3,000,000 for implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Center in cooperation with the various dioceses as facilitated by the Provincial Leadership Conference establish a fair share strategy for fund distribution to be reported to the 75th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 313f.



Resolution Number: 2000-D080
Title: Affirm and Study Youth Ministry Programs at All Levels
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention affirm the necessity of youth work in the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention request the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, working in collaboration with the Youth Ministries Cluster of the Episcopal Church Center, to research and study the programs of youth ministry on the congregational, diocesan, provincial, and national levels, to use this research to inform the Commission's "full review of the Title III Canons," and to issue a report including recommendations of future steps for the development and support of youth ministry on the congregational, diocesan, provincial, and national levels to be presented to the 74th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 367.



Resolution Number: 1997-A147
Title: Consider Young Adults for National Church Service
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That young adults in the 19 to 30 age range be considered for appointment as members of Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies of this Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 236.



Resolution Number: 1991-A069
Title: Develop Ministries of Evangelism With Youth
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to make every effort to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to young people and call them to decisions for Christ, so that they may be provided with an alternative to the life styles set before them in our culture; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to continue the development of ministries of evangelism with youth and to report their growth in that development to the next General Convention through the Youth Ministries Office; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention calls upon the church at all levels to offer training for youth and adult leaders in ministries of evangelism with youth.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 809.



Resolution Number: 1991-D116
Title: Affirm the Importance of Young Adults in the Life of the Church
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize and affirm the importance of young adults, those aged 18-35, in the life and ministry of the Episcopal Church;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit of the Church Center Staff be encouraged in its continuing work with young adult ministry;** and be it further

Resolved, **That this Convention call upon all dioceses and their congregations to continue the development of ministries with young adults, and to cooperate with the Church Center Staff in its research of existing efforts;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Church Center Staff through the Executive Council report its findings and make specific recommendations for action to the next General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 840.



Resolution Number: 1991-D205
Title: Celebrate the Presence of Youth Representatives
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church celebrate the presence among us of youth representatives from every province in this Church ; and be it further**

Resolved, **That we accept with gratitude and humility the moving witness of youth representatives at this Convention, and in particular their challenge to cleanse the Church of racism, to embrace cultural diversity, to engage in true partnership with them in the work of the Church, and to provide them with clear, compassionate guidance on matters of human sexuality;** and be it further

Resolved, **That we rejoice at youth's deepening involvement at General Convention, and in the gifts, energy, and hope for the future they bring to us through their participation;** and be it further

Resolved, **That vigorous efforts continue at every level of this Church to realize the full integration of young people into all aspects of the Church's life, for "they are not the Church of tomorrow, but the Church of today";** and be it further

Resolved, **That all deputations at this Convention carry this message home to the youth of their dioceses.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 409.



Resolution Number: 1988-D152
Title: Affirm Youth Ministry and Request a Report
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 69th General Convention affirm that the goal of youth ministry is to make all young people full and active participants in the life of the church, and request the Presiding Bishop to urge additional funding if necessary from appropriate non-budgeted sources in order to enable the youth ministry network:**

1. **to identify how young people are full and active participants in the life of the church with a conscious concern about the inclusion of minorities and youth with disabilities;**
2. **to document the existence of full-time diocesan youth coordinators and the effects of that ministry;**
3. **to document the number and nature of youth programs in dioceses, the annual cost of such programs and the results achieved;**
4. **to evaluate the effect of youth involvement in ministry;**
5. **to evaluate the support relationship between congregational, diocesan, provincial and national youth programs of the Episcopal Church and recommend action which will strengthen the Church's ministry with youth; and**
6. **to report [its] findings and recommendations for action and funding at the 70th General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 306.



Resolution Number: 1985-A142
Title: Develop a Forceful Strategy for Evangelism to Reach Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 68th General Convention request that a forceful strategy for evangelism targeted to reach young adults, ages 18-35, be developed by the Joint Commission on Evangelism and Renewal in cooperation with the Education for Mission and Ministry division of the Executive Council.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 188.



Resolution Number: 1982-D079
Title: Support an International Youth Ministry Event
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 67th General Convention direct the Executive Council through its Committee on Education for Mission and Ministry to support an international youth ministry event at least every three years at a place and date to be determined, so that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of this part of the Body of Christ; and be it further**
Resolved, **That the Dioceses of this Church be encouraged to support and fund their delegates to said event.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-160.

TOPIC/TITLE: Evangelism: Commend Young Adult Ministry

PROPOSER: The Rev. Amy Real Coultas

C&C PAGE:

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention,
2 recognize, commend, and encourage those engaged in young adult and campus ministry
3 in their continued work, acknowledging that the 74th and 75th General Conventions set
4 as a budget priority the support of higher education and young adult ministries; and be it
5 further

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7 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention, which has named Christian formation with
8 special emphasis on young adults as a continued priority, give thanks for the work
9 undertaken in fulfillment of the funding priorities of the 74th and 75th General
10 Conventions, namely:

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- 12 · Development of 12 new campus ministries,
- 13 · Camino: San Francisco: a young adult pilgrimage to explore the spiritual and practical
- 14 implications of the UN Millennium Development Goals and alleviation of domestic
- 15 poverty,
- 16 · Development of a church-wide network of diocesan young adult ministers,
- 17 · Church-wide consultations with diocesan young adult ministers and young adults to
- 18 enable the church and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries to better
- 19 respond with resources for young adult ministry,
- 20 · Continued support and development of domestic and international young adult
- 21 internships,
- 22 · Leadership training for young adults and young adult ministers,
- 23 · A Conference for young adult clergy to provide spiritual and vocational enrichment,
- 24 and
- 25 · The Young Adult Festivals at the General Conventions of 2006 and 2009 to insure and
- 26 facilitate young adult participation at General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

The 74th and 75th General Conventions of The Episcopal Church set as a chief funding priority the support and encouragement of ministry with college students and young adults. The report of the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church (BB pp. 59-81) reported the continued profound under-

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representation of those below the age of 35 in the church. This resolution seeks to acknowledge and encourage those succeeding in the training of emerging and future leaders of the church, especially through those ministries that fall under the auspices of the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministries and have been funded by acts of General Convention.

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