

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-D092  
**TITLE:** Reaffirm  
**PROPOSER:** The Rev. Jennifer L. Baskerville-Burrows  
**COMMITTEE:** Education

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A041     Affirm Importance of College and University Ministries  
2006-A100     Refer a Resolution on the Response to Christian Formation Crisis  
2006-D031     Endorse Triennial Budget Mission Priorities Statement  
2003-A066     Affirm Campus Ministry  
2003-A077     Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults  
2003-D039     Endorse Triennial Budget Priorities Statement

**Indirectly Related:**

None

*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-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-A100  
**Title:** Refer a Resolution on the Response to Christian Formation Crisis  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Referred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct all Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards (CCABs) to respond to the crisis in Christian formation in The Episcopal Church by including in their deliberations and work during the next triennium the task of nurturing the selfless, responsible, and faithful use of resources for the growth, health, and mission of the church and report on their work to the 76th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the following CCABs give special focus to this work: the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to provide collects and special forms of prayers of the people and other resources to emphasize formation; the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to design strategies for incorporating formation into all areas of parish life; and be it further*

*Resolved, That program areas, particularly Ministries with Young People, Congregational Development, and Ethnic Congregational Development, report their work in formation to the Executive Council for inclusion in its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church provide a comprehensive report on formation (as defined in this resolution) throughout The Episcopal Church and present its report to the 76th General Convention.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 459-460.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-D031  
**Title:** Endorse Triennial Budget Mission Priorities Statement  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the following statement of mission priorities in rank order for the for the 2007–09 triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget for The Episcopal Church.*

*We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ.*

*We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our communion.*

*We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with domestic and overseas dioceses. We recognize that the work of mission depends in large part on increasing the leadership capacity of clergy and lay leaders of the church. We affirm the spirit of the budget adopted by the 74th General Convention and identify for the mission of the Church during 2007–2009 the following priorities, listed in rank order of importance:*

1. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:** Promoting justice and peace for all of God’s creation and continuing and accelerating the leadership role and programs of The Episcopal Church, which support the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals\* in the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and in the world.
2. **YOUNG ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN:** Reaching out to young adults, youth and children through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.
3. **RECONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM:** Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God’s mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.
4. **CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION:** Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, lifelong learning, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.
5. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

**\*The Millennium Development Goals**

**Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**  
**Achieve universal primary education**  
**Promote gender equality and empower women**  
**Reduce child Mortality**  
**Improve maternal health**  
**Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases**

**Ensure environmental sustainability**  
**Develop a global partnership for development**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 162-163.



**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:** 2003-D039  
**Title:** Endorse Triennial Budget Priorities Statement  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 74th General Convention endorse the following statement of priorities in rank order for the budget of the next triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget of The Episcopal Church 2004-2006:***

**Priorities**

**We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ.**

**We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our common life.**

**We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with overseas dioceses.**

**We affirm the work of the Executive Council in identifying the following priorities for the mission of the church for the next triennium.**

1. **Young Adults and Youth: Reaching out to young adults and youth through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.**
2. **Reconciliation and Evangelism: Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God's mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the Church.**
3. **Congregational Transformation: Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.**
4. **Justice and Peace: Promoting justice and peace for all of God's creation and reaching out to the dispossessed, imprisoned and otherwise voiceless needy.**
5. **Partnerships: Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 152.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That this 76th General Convention of The
- 2 Episcopal Church reaffirm campus ministry as a fundamental component of mission
- 3 (2006 A041 and 2003 A066) and continue its financial commitment supporting the
- 4 establishment of new ministries on college and university campuses; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That these monies be disbursed using the process established by the Office for
- 7 Young Adult and Campus Ministries (in conjunction with the Provincial Coordinators for
- 8 Campus Ministry) in the last two triennia, thereby eliminating any need to gather decision
- 9 makers to establish a process and allowing 100% of the funds to go directly to funding
- 10 these new ministries; and be it further
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- 12 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
- 13 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 for the
- 14 implementation of this resolution over the next triennium.
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EXPLANATION:

Campus ministry was a mission priority of The Episcopal Church in the 2003 and 2006 triennia with General Convention budgeting \$330,000 and \$300,000 respectively, when 11 new and successful campus ministries were created. This sustained commitment to campus ministry is an important way we live into our promise to "support these persons in their life in Christ" at baptism and recognizes that this promise extends into the college years when most young adults make core decisions about identity and meaning. The investment in campus ministries in years past has continued to bear fruit in The Episcopal Church as alumni/ae of these ministries demonstrate significant lay and ordained leadership in the church and the world.

*Endorser(s):*The Rev. Lesley Adams, The Rev. Kevin B Matthews

*Review Status:*Not Yet Reviewed by PB&F