

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A061
TITLE: Contiguous Cycle of Strategic Planning
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelis
COMMITTEE: Stewardship and Development

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-B004 Appoint a Mission Funding Task Force
1991-D163 Identify and Plan for Programs to Be Carried out at the Local, Diocesan or Provincial Level
1982-A151 Adopt a Policy for Long-range Planning
1979-C008 Assign Responsibility for Long Range Policy

Indirectly Related:

2006-D043 Enable Dialogue on the Mission of the Church at the 76th General Convention
2003-A084 Urge the Church to Accomplish Measurable Goals of the 20/20 Vision
2000-A033 Adopt the Domestic Mission Imperative "20/20: A Clear Vision"
1994-D099 Request the Stewardship and Development Commission to Evaluate Strategic Planning

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-B004
Title: Appoint a Mission Funding Task Force
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That in light of the need for resources to fulfill the 20/20 initiatives and to more fully address the many issues facing The Episcopal Church at all levels, this 74th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force of 12 people, including, among others, members of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance and the Committee on the State of the Church. This task force is to be named the Mission Funding Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Funding Task Force will undertake a comprehensive study on the systems and procedures for funding, budgeting, and expenditure of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and be it further

Resolved That this study include, but not be limited to the following issues:

- **The level of the church at which mission support is most efficient**
- **The best use of resources and the possible need for redirection of resources**
- **The effectiveness in supporting our stated priorities**
- **Possible unexplored efficiencies**
- **The review of existing commitments with quantification of the discretionary funding amount remaining after funding those commitments**
- **The most efficient and equitable method of funding the budget**
- **The encouragement of mutual responsibility, equity, and accountability to and among the dioceses of the church.**

The Task Force will report its findings and recommendations for consideration at the 75th General Convention; 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 \$75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 632.



Resolution Number: 1991-D163
Title: Identify and Plan for Programs to Be Carried out at the Local, Diocesan or Provincial Level
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council, as part of its long range planning process, and in consultation with the various dioceses and provinces, to:**

1. **identify all programs and activities of the Church that can be planned, staffed, funded and carried out at the local, diocesan, or provincial level; and**
2. **submit to the 71st General Convention a plan, whereby the planning, staffing, funding and execution of all such programs and activities will be transferred to such constituencies;**

and be it further

Resolved, **That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance be directed to cooperate and assist in the development of such plan.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 371.



Resolution Number: 1982-A151
Title: Adopt a Policy for Long-range Planning
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 67th General Convention adopt as the basic policy for long-range planning throughout the Episcopal Church the following:**

**A FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING
BY AND FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all of its members.

(Catechism) The mission and work of the Church are done whenever two or three are gathered together (a congregation) through: service, evangelism, pastoral care and worship.

Planning is done cooperatively, in a local community, by a congregation with other congregations and ecumenical groups in the community.

Planning is done cooperatively, by a diocese, with its congregations and with ecumenical units through the bishop and council as coordinating agencies with the diocesan Convention.

Planning is done cooperatively, by province or region, with its dioceses and with ecumenical bodies through the President and Board with the synod or other coalition body.

Planning is done cooperatively, in the national Church, by the Executive Council, with the Presiding Bishop (Church Center staff) and General Convention interim bodies, and through our official representatives to the Anglican Partners-in-Mission Consultation, the Anglican Consultative Council, the World Council of Churches and other international ecumenical groups of which we are members--in anticipation that independent organizations of the Church will do the same.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-67.



Resolution Number: 1979-C008
Title: Assign Responsibility for Long Range Policy
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the General Convention request the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to assign this responsibility to an existing Committee, Commission, or the Executive Council which will report directly to each General Convention, beginning with the 67th General Convention, on matters having to do with long-range policy for the Church.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-164.

17 - Stewardship and Development: HB

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TOPIC/TITLE: Structure: Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
2 Executive Council to create a Committee of Strategic Planning to guide the Executive
3 Council and the Church Center in their capacities as leaders of The Episcopal Church;
4 and be it further
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6 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Strategic Planning be charged with using the best
7 appropriate planning methods available to develop a ten-year plan, updated annually, that
8 identifies and tracks the missional, financial, societal, cultural and other challenges and
9 opportunities facing The Episcopal Church; considers alternative paths of action;
10 recommends a path; defines measurable indicators of success of the selected direction
11 and a specific timeline; details resources needed and proposes how those resources will
12 be gathered; and be it further
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14 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Strategic Planning report annually to the Executive
15 Council except in years when General Convention meets, during which year it reports to
16 General Convention; and be it further
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18 *Resolved*, That the plan receive a revision every year and a major revision every three
19 years in anticipation of the triennial priorities and budget process that is finalized at
20 General Convention; and be it further
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22 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Strategic Planning consist of fourteen persons with
23 voice and vote: the Presiding Officers; three bishops, three ordained priests or deacons,
24 and six lay persons all jointly appointed by the Presiding Officers, at least three and no
25 more than six of whom will be members of Executive Council; and be it further
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27 *Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop appoint two or three senior members of Church
28 Center staff to serve on the Committee on Strategic Planning with voice, but no vote; and
29 be it further
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31 *Resolved*, That the work of the Committee on Strategic Planning be guided and supported
32 by an external consultant working with senior Church Center staff; and be it further
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34 *Resolved*, That minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Strategic Planning be
35 distributed to the Presiding Officers and staff of the Church Center to one level below

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1 Center Directors; and be it further

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3 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
4 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$300,000 for the
5 implementation of this Resolution.

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EXPLANATION:

To take best advantage of the missional opportunities before the church, we need to plan carefully and execute wisely by setting goals, locating resources and monitoring progress. An effective long-term plan will track and analyze both societal and church trends and set specific performance goals and indicators. By updating the plan annually, we can remain flexible and responsive to rapid changes. The skills required for effective planning in such a complex environment as ours are most likely better developed in the private sector than within the church. An outside consultant who works closely with church leaders, both elected and appointed, is best situated to guide such a process. A Committee on Strategic Planning would create the structure for this planning, and the proposed membership would include the breadth of expertise and perspective required for creative and effective planning.