

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A183
TITLE: Develop Nine-Year Vision and Budget Cycle
PROPOSER: Budgetary Funding Task Force
COMMITTEE: Stewardship and Development

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A151 Authorize Continuation of Budgetary Funding Task Force
2006-D043 Enable Dialogue on the Mission of the Church at the 76th General Convention
2003-B004 Appoint a Mission Funding Task Force
1982-C025 On the Topic of the System of Funding the Budget Program (Rejected)

Indirectly Related:

2003-A136 Develop and Distribute a DFMS Annual Budget Report
2000-D041 On the Topic of the Canon on the Budget of the Episcopal Church (Rejected)
1994-D099 Request the Stewardship and Development Commission to Evaluate Strategic Planning
1988-A084 Study Funding and Reporting Practices of the Church at All Levels
1982-A151 Adopt a Policy for Long-range Planning
1979-C008 Assign Responsibility for Long Range Policy

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-A151
Title: Authorize Continuation of Budgetary Funding Task Force
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, and that the Task Force report back to Executive Council in 2008 and to the 76th General Convention in 2009 on its findings and recommendations; 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 \$20,000 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. 191.



Resolution Number: 2006-D043
Title: Enable Dialogue on the Mission of the Church at the 76th General Convention
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention strongly urge the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements, in consultation with the Executive Council, to enable a participatory, vision focused dialogue on the Mission of the Church to take place during times dedicated to that purpose at the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That during the triennium, the Executive Council develop and implement a process that will enable the Church to prepare for the dialogue to be held during the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 693.



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: 1982-C025
Title: On the Topic of the System of Funding the Budget Program
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Whereas, the national Church's policy of apportionment of Dioceses does not recognize the need for Christians to give freely in grateful response to the Lord and, therefore, is not consistent with Christian stewardship principles now advocated and practiced widely throughout the Church; therefore be it *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Executive Council, in cooperation with the Standing Commission on Stewardship, be directed to review the present system of funding the Program Budget of the national Church by apportionment and to present to the 68th General Convention a comprehensive plan for diocesan giving to the Ministry and Mission of the Church that is more consistent with the principles of Christian stewardship.

TOPIC/TITLE: Budget: Develop Nine-Year Vision and Budget Cycle

PROPOSER: Budgetary Funding Task Force

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
2 Episcopal Church receive and endorse the Report of the Budgetary Funding Task Force,
3 in particular the Task Force's recommendations that:

4 § Adequate funding of the budget of The Episcopal Church depends on (1) a
5 compelling statement of our identity as a church; (2) a clearly articulated common
6 vision of our participation in God's mission; and (3) a pervasive accountability of
7 church structures to that identity and common vision so that stewardship and
8 mission are linked. Specific steps must be taken to make these three goals an
9 active part of the on-going life of our church:

- 10 o Develop a common vision for mission during the triennium immediately
11 preceding the election of a Presiding Bishop for the purpose of informing
12 the nomination and election process for that office.
13 o Identify specific goals to be accomplished during the nine-year period
14 corresponding to the term of the Presiding Bishop (the Term Goals).
15 o Hold a joint meeting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops at
16 the beginning of the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to
17 be elected, so that the goals identified for the coming Presiding Bishop's
18 term may be addressed, amended and ratified.
19 o Develop a draft budget based on identified goals and present the Budget of
20 The Episcopal Church in a nine-year cycle to coincide with the term of a
21 Presiding Bishop (the Term Budget).
22 o Report on the Term Budget-and progress toward accomplishing the Term
23 Goals in a written report on an annual basis-to all bishops and deputies to
24 the General Convention, Standing Committees of the Dioceses, members
25 of the Executive Council, members of all other Committees,
26 Commissions, Agencies and Boards, and post the report for members of
27 the Church on the web site of The Episcopal Church, as well as report on
28 it by all means available, especially personal visits to dioceses and
29 provinces, in order to receive the widest possible circulation.
30 o Review the Term Budget and progress toward the Term Goals at a joint
31 meeting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops at each
32 General Convention to encourage accountability and so that the goals may
33 be revised as needed.
34 o Structure the Church Center staff in order to facilitate the accomplishment
35 of goals over the course of the Presiding Bishop's term, with some
36 positions coinciding with the term of the Presiding Bishop and some being

1 permanent in nature.

- 2 o Conduct an in-depth review, regarding the accomplishment of the Term
3 Goals during the last triennium of a Presiding Bishop's term; and be it
4 further

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6 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Budgetary
7 Funding Task Force and charge it to produce an implementation plan for its proposals,
8 including necessary canonical changes, for consideration by the 77th General
9 Convention; and be it further

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11 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
12 Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$72,000 for the
13 implementation of this Resolution.