

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-B018  
**TITLE:** Stewardship of Resources  
**PROPOSER:** The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg  
**COMMITTEE:** 17 - Stewardship and Development: HB

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A151 Authorize Continuation of Budgetary Funding Task Force  
2006-D022 Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority  
2006-D031 Endorse Triennial Budget Mission Priorities Statement  
2003-B004 Appoint a Mission Funding Task Force

**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-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-D022  
**Title:** Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the leaders and members of The Episcopal Church, including Episcopal Relief and Development and program ministries of The Episcopal Church, for their leadership on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, both through public advocacy and implementation of MDG programs in the developing world; and commend parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses, and others, like Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and the Micah Challenge, for their support of the implementation of the MDGs in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant and as an expression of the hunger of this Church for far deeper communion with all of God's beloved; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium, and that each diocese, congregation, and parishioner be urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals by July 7, 2007 (07/07/07); and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget line item of no less than an additional 0.7% (circa \$900,000) of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church for work that supports the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals:*

1. **Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
2. **Achieve universal primary education**
3. **Promote gender equality and empower women**
4. **Reduce child mortality**
5. **Improve maternal health**
6. **Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases**
7. **Ensure environmental sustainability, and**
8. **Create a global partnership for development with a focus on debt, aid, and trade.**

And be it further

*Resolved, That the General Convention encourage parishes, missions, congregations, and dioceses to designate the Last Sunday after Pentecost, or such days as may be designated ecumenically for commendation of the MDGs, as special days of prayer, fasting, and giving in The Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request that all dioceses establish a global reconciliation commission or similar body dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns report to the 76th General Convention on the progress that has been achieved in implementing this resolution; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention endorse "The ONE Campaign," the U.S. movement for the MDGs, through The Episcopal Church's "ONE Episcopalian" campaign; call on all parishes, missions, congregations, dioceses, and individuals to join the ONE Episcopalian campaign; and publicly endorse*

**The ONE Campaign's call for the United States government to annually spend an additional one percent of its budget to combat global poverty, and to be active advocates for the achievement of this work.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 522-524.



**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-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.

**17 - Stewardship and Development: HB**

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TOPIC/TITLE: Budget: Stewardship of Resources  
PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg  
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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the Joint Committee on Program,  
2 Budget and Finance is requested to present a Budget to the General Convention that  
3 reduces the expenses for interim meetings of all Committees, Commissions, Agencies  
4 and Boards by one-half for the Triennium; and be it further  
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6 *Resolved*, That funding for domestic and foreign missionary projects, including the  
7 Millennium Development Goals be directly increased by a dollar amount equal to that by  
8 the expenses for interim meetings of Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards is  
9 decreased; and be it further  
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11 *Resolved*, That the Budgetary Funding Task Force is requested to consider ways in which  
12 the direct funding of mission be the priority in future budgets of The Episcopal Church  
13 and report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.  
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**EXPLANATION:**

The Executive Council's draft budget for the 2010-2012 triennium reflects decreased mission funding and increased funding for meetings, which the Presiding Bishop has reminded us is a sign of a dying institution. We believe that the people of our Church are open-hearted and generous givers and will respond enthusiastically to funding the Church's mission out of faithfulness to God's call to share in the ministry of Jesus to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and the Lord's favor (Lk. 4:18-19). Using the gifts of the people of our Church, particularly in times of economic distress to fund meetings rather than mission is not faithful stewardship, is counterproductive to our purposes, and represents poor leadership of the people we are committed to serve.

**BALLOT RESULTS:**

*Endorser(s):*The Rt. Rev. William Michie Klusmeyer, The Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore

*Sponsor(s):*The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls