

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-D080  
**TITLE:** World Hunger Relief - Episcopal Relief and Development Fund  
**PROPOSER:** The Rev. David Thurlow  
**COMMITTEE:** Stewardship and Development

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1985-A082     Affirm the Church's Response to Global Hunger  
1982-D059     Urge Church to Deepen Its Commitment to Alleviating Hunger

**Indirectly Related:**

1979-D144     Call Upon Members to Exercise a Responsible Life Style

*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:** 1985-A082  
**Title:** Affirm the Church's Response to Global Hunger  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 68th General Convention affirm the response of the Episcopal Church to global hunger and famine;** and be it further  
*Resolved*, **That the Episcopal Church observe October 16 of each year as World Food Day and use the week which includes this date to join with religious and secular organizations in local communities everywhere to study the root causes of hunger at home and abroad;** and be it further  
*Resolved*, **That the National Hunger Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, through their networks, continue to provide opportunities and educational resources to assist Episcopalians to work actively towards eradication of hunger through:**

1. **Generous gifts for relief, rehabilitation and developmental aid;**
2. **Participation in local hunger relief programs;**
3. **Public policy advocacy to encourage domestic and international relief and to promote just distribution of the world's resources; and**
4. **Worship, prayer, education and reflection;**

and be it further

*Resolved*, **That Episcopalians be encouraged to use the opportunities afforded by the diversity of the Anglican Communion to institute partnership programs in development which address basic issues of hunger, disease, poverty, discrimination, and illiteracy;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That congregations be encouraged to develop programs and to share their discoveries and responses through the networks of the National Hunger Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 204.



**Resolution Number:** 1982-D059  
**Title:** Urge Church to Deepen Its Commitment to Alleviating Hunger  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this 67th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. urges all individuals, congregations and Dioceses to deepen their commitment to the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition by:**

- a) becoming familiar with local needs for food;
- b) volunteering time, facilities, food, and money to meet those needs;
- c) praying for greater awareness and sensitivity among all citizens to the problems of hunger and malnutrition;
- d) joining forces with other individuals and organizations, within and outside of the Church, with similar commitments;
- e) developing other means of aiding those most deeply affected by lack of food and other basic services; and
- f) urging policy makers and the entire community to call for increased use of our national resources to meet basic human needs; and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the National Hunger Committee and the Hunger Office work through its network to stimulate, facilitate and support such efforts, and to share experiences across the Church.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-138.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Hunger: World Hunger Relief-Episcopal Relief and Development Fund

PROPOSER: The Rev. David Thurlow

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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The  
2 Episcopal Church declare Tuesday July 14, 2009 to be a special day of fasting at General  
3 Convention and encourage all in attendance at this Convention, who are physically and  
4 medically able, to fast; and be it further

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6 *Resolved*, That the money otherwise to be spent by those attending the 76th General  
7 Convention on food and beverage on the day of fasting be donated to the Episcopal  
8 Relief and Development fund to be used to bring relief to those who suffer from hunger.

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**EXPLANATION:**

In the presentation to convention by the Presiding Bishop on Tuesday afternoon July 7, the Presiding Bishop identified world hunger as a crisis issue that the Church must address. Moreover, as an expression of our faithfulness to God and as part of the mission of the Church, the Presiding Bishop encouraged and exhorted God's people to work towards alleviating and eradicating this serious social problem. In a world where many go hungry, one day of fasting would be a sacrifice which would not only serve to remind General Convention of the problem of world hunger it would, through the accompanying donation of money, result in a significant financial contribution to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund so that the Church could provide for the needs of the hungry.

**BALLOT RESULTS:**

*Endorser(s):*The Rev. Steve Wood, Mr. Wade Logan