

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A075
TITLE: Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
COMMITTEE: Ecumenical Relations

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A039 Authorize Dialogue with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

Indirectly Related:

2000-A135 Commit to Participation in the Consultation on Church Union
1997-B038 Express Gratitude to Ecumenical Partners
1991-A045 Explore Dialogues with Member Churches of the Consultation on Church Union

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: 2000-A039
Title: Authorize Dialogue with The Presbyterian Church (USA)
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize the Ecumenical Office to enter into a bilateral dialogue with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 474.

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Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following Agreement between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been approved by the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA, and commend it to dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize a second round of dialogue to address the issues specified in this Agreement and report to the 77th General Convention on its progress.

EXPLANATION:
The 2000 General Convention established a bilateral dialogue with the Presbyterian Church, USA. Further information about the work of this bilateral dialogue is outlined in the "Background" section of the following proposal. The SCEIR presents this agreement for consideration to the 2009 General Convention. This Agreement was approved by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in June of 2008.