

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A047
TITLE: Extension of the A048 Task Force
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication
COMMITTEE: Communications

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A048 Adopt Industry Best Practices for Technology and Communications
2006-A051 Direct General Convention Bodies to Use Technology to Work Efficiently and Economically
2006-D082 Launch an Information Technology Cooperative Network

Indirectly Related:

2006-A049 Adopt Open Standards For Data
2003-A080 Direct Episcopal Church Center to Maintain a User-Friendly Website

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-A048
Title: Adopt Industry Best Practices for Technology and Communications
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center and other church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That task force groups of not fewer than five persons be named to serve as volunteer consultants as needed to help the entities of the church implement this guideline. These persons shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer of DFMS.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 285.



Resolution Number: 2006-A051
Title: Direct General Convention Bodies to Use Technology to Work Efficiently and Economically
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards of the General Convention to begin a process to accomplish an appropriate portion of their work more efficiently and economically by using online tools, conference calls, and video conferences.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 177.



Resolution Number: 2006-D082
Title: Launch an Information Technology Cooperative Network
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to organize an information technology cooperative network for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying, documenting, and publishing best practices already in use or working with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 286.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Technology: Extension of the A048 Task Force
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
2 Episcopal Church extend the term of the A048 Task Force through the next triennium in
3 order to direct the Church Center and other Church bodies to adopt industry appropriate
4 "best-practices" when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions;
5 and be it further
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7 *Resolved*, That the amount of \$5,000 be allocated to fund an independent technology
8 audit of current information systems and abilities; and be it further
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10 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
11 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$5,000 for the
12 implementation of this Resolution.
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EXPLANATION:

The 75th General Convention created a special Task Force in adopting Resolution A048 (2206) to investigate and recommend the acquisition of appropriate technology purchases by The Episcopal Church Center. The present Task Force was not nominated in sufficient time to be able to complete its charge by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. If this extension is granted, the existing task force will be able to continue its work into the next triennium.

Review Status: Not Yet Reviewed by PB&F