

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C052
TITLE: Increased Media Coverage of Global Crises
PROPOSER: Diocese of Missouri
COMMITTEE: Communications

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-D022 Establish the Millennium Development Goals as a Mission Priority
2003-D006 Endorse UN Millennium Development Goals
2000-A130 Affirm Solidarity with and Support for Persecuted Christians in Sudan

Indirectly Related:

2003-A035 Call on the Church to Implement U.N. Millennium Development Goals in Africa
1994-D012 Support Human Rights and Church Relations in Sudan

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-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: 2003-D006
Title: Endorse UN Millennium Development Goals
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention endorse and embrace the achievement of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that pledge to:

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/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases;
7. ensure environmental stability; and
8. develop a global partnership for development; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention, recognizing that funding for nutritional, education, health care, and development programs is essential to achieve not only the MDGs, but also for recognizing the dignity of all human beings, reaffirm the 73rd General Convention's Resolutions A001 and D033 challenging all dioceses and congregations to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund international development programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the appropriate offices and staff of the Episcopal Church Center, in cooperation with Episcopal Relief and Development, promote among dioceses and congregations education about and participation in the 0.7% contribution for international development; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council be directed to fulfill the 73rd General Convention's Resolution D033 requiring the Council to develop a process for an annual accounting of each diocese's progress toward living into the 0.7% contribution goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council in cooperation with the Communications Office at the Episcopal Church Center publish annually the annual accounting of all dioceses' level of participation in the 0.7% contribution goal; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice present a full report to the 75th General Convention of the level of participation of all dioceses in the call to contribute 0.7% of their annual budgets to fund international development programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States government, as one of the 191 national signatories to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, be encouraged to provide appropriate leadership and resources toward international efforts to implement these and other internationally agreed development goals and that the Episcopal Office of Government Relations actively advocate that the United States government fulfill its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of the U.S. Gross National Product (GNP); and be it further

Resolved, That all Episcopalians contact their elected representatives, urging them to support the United States government's fulfillment of its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of the U.S. GNP.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 265f.



Resolution Number: 2000-A130
Title: Affirm Solidarity with and Support for Persecuted Christians in Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America continue to affirm its solidarity through prayer and witness with the Episcopal Church of Sudan in support of Christians suffering from the effects of the longest civil war in recent history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge local and national advocacy efforts to raise awareness of people in this Church to the persecution being inflicted upon the people of Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church through its Office of Government Relations urge that the U.S. government assign the highest priority to advancing a just peace in Sudan by applying pressure on the government of Sudan, and working with our allies, especially Egypt, to end the war; and be it further

Resolved, That all Episcopalians are urged to work against the genocide occurring in Sudan, caused by the National Islamic Front, the current ruling regime, and other contributing warring factions' use of food as a weapon, abduction and enslavement of human beings, aerial bombardment of and raids on civilian targets, denial of religious freedom, and other acts of terror and harassment; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians are encouraged to give generously to enable the people of Sudan to rebuild their lives, by providing the means to train people in areas of expertise that will help them to live full, productive lives, allowing women and men equally to have access to small business endeavors; encouraging the gift of medical drugs, medical equipment and human resources; and finally, by supporting the restoration of the educational system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention continue to reaffirm the Episcopal Church's solidarity with all Christians in all places who suffer persecution and all persons, of whatever religion, who suffer persecution by reason of their faith.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 577f.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Increased Media Coverage of Global Crises

PROPOSER: Diocese of Missouri

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of the
2 Episcopal Church call upon all television news outlets in the United States to increase
3 coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:

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5 efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
6 the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and
7 the ongoing genocide in Darfur; and be it further

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9 *Resolved*, That the secretary of this convention send a copy of this resolution to the
10 programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and FoxNews, and to the news divisions
11 of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further

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13 *Resolved*, That all dioceses, congregations and individuals in the Episcopal Church are
14 strongly urged to lobby the news media on local, regional and national levels to increase
15 the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues.

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