

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A085
TITLE: Commendation for the Work of Proclaiming Education for All
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Health
COMMITTEE: Privilege and Courtesy

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A090 Commend and Affirm the Work of Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL)
2006-A100 Refer a Resolution on the Response to Christian Formation Crisis (Referred)
2003-A077 Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults
2003-B024 Authorize a Task Force on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation

Indirectly Related:

2000-B015 Support Development of Episcopal Educational Materials for All Ages
1991-D178 Request That Priority Be Given to Christian Education

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-A090
Title: Commend and Affirm the Work of Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL)
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the work of PEALL (Proclaiming Education for All) and affirm the continuation of this work as a key part of the future planning for integrated, holistic education in the Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 692.



Resolution Number: 2006-A100
Title: Refer a Resolution on the Response to Christian Formation Crisis
Legislative Action Taken: Referred
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct all Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards (CCABs) to respond to the crisis in Christian formation in The Episcopal Church by including in their deliberations and work during the next triennium the task of nurturing the selfless, responsible, and faithful use of resources for the growth, health, and mission of the church and report on their work to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the following CCABs give special focus to this work: the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to provide collects and special forms of prayers of the people and other resources to emphasize formation; the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to design strategies for incorporating formation into all areas of parish life; and be it further

Resolved, That program areas, particularly Ministries with Young People, Congregational Development, and Ethnic Congregational Development, report their work in formation to the Executive Council for inclusion in its report to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church provide a comprehensive report on formation (as defined in this resolution) throughout The Episcopal Church and present its report to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 459-460.



Resolution Number: 2003-A077
Title: Develop Strategies for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention adopt a vision as part of the 20/20 initiative that there shall be effective, well-organized ministries with children, youth, and young adults in every congregation where appropriate; and there shall be campus ministries in all colleges and universities where appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention commend the work of the Ministries with Young People Cluster, which has three networks: (1) youth ministries, (2) Christian education ministries, and (3) higher education ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention direct the Ministries with Young People Cluster to create an additional network for young adult ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That in order to accomplish these training goals by 2009 the Youth Ministries Cluster, in coordination with the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, call upon their provincial networks to develop and implement in the dioceses, training strategies that include, but are not limited to:

- education in leadership development;
- sharing of technology, training resources, curricula, theological, and multicultural resources;
- practical application for life-long Christian formation;
- the strengthening of the existing networks in dioceses and provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$250,000 per year for each of the four ministry networks (1) youth ministries, (2) Christian education ministries, (3) higher education ministries, and (4) young adult ministries for a budget allocation of \$3,000,000 for implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Center in cooperation with the various dioceses as facilitated by the Provincial Leadership Conference establish a fair share strategy for fund distribution to be reported to the 75th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 313f.



Resolution Number: 2003-B024
Title: Authorize a Task Force on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention authorize the creation of a nine-year Task Force of Executive Council on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation that will

- **Develop a comprehensive vision and strategy to strengthen Lifelong Christian Education and Formation throughout The Episcopal Church and equip people of all ages to experience, to tell about and to invite others into the Good News of the Gospel;**
- **Integrate Christian Formation into every area of the church's mission and ministry, recognizing that learning occurs in multiple ways throughout the entire life cycle;**
- **Identify and communicate resources and models that support the gifts and needs of a church of great diversity and that promote outcomes recommended by the 20/20 Strategy Group;**
- **Encourage conversation and collaboration among the many entities in the church that address specific aspects of Christian Education and Formation for mission and ministry;**
- **Provide international and ecumenical links for Christian Education and Formation; and be it further**

Resolved, That this Task Force be composed of sixteen members: four bishops; four clergy; and eight lay persons; that the Task Force will meet at least two times a year, commencing in 2004, with additional small gatherings for conversation with selected groups involved in lifelong learning and formation; and that the Task Force will report on its work beginning at the 75th General Convention in 2006; 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 \$120,000 for implementation of this resolution for the next three years.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 631f.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Christian Formation: Commendation for the Work of Proclaiming Education for All
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Health
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That 76th General Convention commends
2 the work of Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) and express its gratitude to PEALL
3 members for their efforts to begin the work of providing comprehensive Christian
4 education and formation to all levels of The Episcopal Church.
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EXPLANATION:

Created in 2003 by Executive Council in response to an act of General Convention, PEALL was given the task to: "Develop a comprehensive vision and strategy to strengthen Lifelong Christian Education and Formation throughout The Episcopal Church and equip people of all ages to experience, to tell about and to invite others into the Good News of the Gospel; "Integrate Christian Formation into every area of the church's mission and ministry, recognizing that learning occurs in multiple ways throughout the entire life cycle; "Identify and communicate resources and models that support the gifts and needs of a church of great diversity and that promote outcomes recommended by the 20/20 Strategy Group; "Encourage conversation and collaboration among the many entities in the church that address specific aspects of Christian education and formation for mission and ministry; and"Provide international and ecumenical links for Christian education. PEALL produced these major work documents: (1) "Legacies, Lessons and Lifelines: The Past, Present and Future of Theological Education"; (2) "Christian Education and Christian Formation in The Episcopal Church"; (3) "Timeline of The Episcopal Church in the Context of World Events" (1960 to present); and (4) A narrative with the time line (1492 to present), which was a supporting document for (5) A case for the development of a "Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation". PEALL also produced a Christian Education and Formation Glossary to provide for a common understanding of the terms used when speaking of Christian education. A summary of its other work was presented to Executive Council in 2008. PEALL's mandate ends at the close of this triennium. The Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation will continue and expand on much of the work done by this task force.