

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-D047  
**TITLE:** Episcopal Service Corps  
**PROPOSER:** The Rev. Gary Commins  
**COMMITTEE:** Privilege and Courtesy

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A114     Develop Resources for the Young Adult Service Corps  
2000-A134     Establish an Episcopal Service Corps

**Indirectly Related:**

2000-A007     On the Topic of the Episcopal Youth Corps (Rejected)

*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-A114  
**Title:** Develop Resources for the Young Adult Service Corps  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Ministries with Young People, to develop resources for the pastoral care and vocational formation of participants in the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to increase the number of placements available in the Young Adult Service Corps from ten to fifteen per year; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$550,000 for the implementation of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 465.



**Resolution Number:** 2000-A134  
**Title:** Establish an Episcopal Service Corps  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Submitted  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the Executive Council establish an Episcopal Service Corps, to complement Volunteers in Mission and Jubilee Ministry, raising up the gifts of all church people by providing short and long term (3 months to 24 months) opportunities for volunteer service to all aspects of the life and ministry of the church.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 681.

TOPIC/TITLE: Youth: Episcopal Service Corps

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend  
2 the work of the Episcopal Service Corps in raising up future leaders for the Church and  
3 the world through offering opportunities for young adults to spend a year servicing those  
4 in need and discerning vocation in the context of simple and sustainable Christian  
5 community.  
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**EXPLANATION:**

In May of 2008, several Episcopal Church young adult internship programs met at St. Mary's Manhattanville, New York, to form the Episcopal Service Corps, a cooperative effort to unify program recruitment and expand the network by planting new programs. Founding programs include: Episcopal Urban Intern Program, Los Angeles; Johnson Intern Program, Chapel Hill; the Micah Project, Boston; New York Intern Program, New York; Resurrection House, Omaha; and Trinity Volunteer Corps, Washington, DC. Over many years of working independently, these programs have produced influential leaders, lay and ordained, whose experience working with the poor and oppressed during their intern year has informed a lifelong commitment to expanding God's reign of peace and justice for all people. Working together, the Episcopal Service Corps will make this transformational movement grow by planting new programs and offering more young adults the opportunity to change themselves and the world.

*Endorser(s):* The Rev. Judith A. Yeates, Mr. Michael P Spencer