

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D052
TITLE: Mission Budget Priorities
PROPOSER: The Rev. Canon Mary D. Glasspool
COMMITTEE: Program, Budget and Finance

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Resolution Number: 2006-A010
Title: Affirm "Call to Partnership" and Pursue Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and affirm “Call to Partnership,” the communiqué presented to the United Nations Summit on Sept. 13, 2005, by Anglican, Evangelical, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Reform, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and United Methodist participants in the Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the leadership of persons in poverty and local leaders in poor communities as equal partners and not simply recipients in the global effort to alleviate the crushing burden of extreme poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention urge our ecumenical and interfaith partners to affirm “Call to Partnership” and join The Episcopal Church in working across confessional lines and in partnership with governments and international organizations to pursue the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with all available human and financial resources; and be it further

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, The Episcopal Church call upon governments to pursue the achievement of the MDGs through:

1. **significantly increased official development assistance to poor countries;**
2. **debt cancellation premised upon a country’s need for resources to meet the MDGs;**
3. **fair and open trade policies that allow developing countries to compete in international markets with rich countries;**
4. **policies designed to alleviate structural barriers and social injustices that exacerbate the effects of poverty in the developing world; and**
5. **policies that promote full accountability and transparency among developing countries for the use of resources derived through foreign aid while still allowing strategies for accountability and transparency to be dictated by developing countries themselves; and be it further**

Resolved, That in receiving and affirming the communiqué, the General Convention affirm the work of the Church's officers, dioceses, congregations, baptized members, and Episcopal Relief and Development in undertaking and supporting partnerships for global development in impoverished countries and calls for the expansion of this work through:

1. **increased support through time and financial resources for companion relationships with dioceses and congregations in the developing world;**
2. **a renewed commitment to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and other faith-based organizations that are operating successful partnerships on behalf of those living in poverty around the world;**
3. **a commitment to regular prayer from all dioceses, congregations and baptized members for an end to global poverty in all its forms.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 524-525.



Resolution Number: 2006-A037
Title: Reaffirm Commitment to Congregational Health and Evangelism
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to improve the health of our congregations and our church by faithfully living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by working toward the goals of 20/20; and be it further

Resolved, That each and every bishop deepen his/her commitment, intention, prayer, and action, individually and by working together through the House of Bishops, to cast a vision of mission for the church, and to lead us there; and be it further

Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church speak with passion about what God is doing in our lives in order to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That following the example of radical hospitality entrusted to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church invite others to join us in praise and service; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct the Church Center staff to engage diverse populations including among others, youth and young adults, ethnic and racial populations, persons of various sexual orientation, persons with disabilities, various socio-economic classes, new immigrants, and communities in Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe to identify and develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be published in congregational and diocesan media to affirm our commitment to evangelism.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 322.



Resolution Number: 2006-A038
Title: Develop Diocesan Level Leadership Programs
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 75th General Convention direct the offices of the Director of Mission to develop new leadership programs and/or to endorse existing leadership training programs for use at the diocesan level that help bishops and diocesan leadership in developing strategies, quantifiable action plans and timelines for accelerating their mission performance, and to develop quantitative measures of accountability for diocesan mission performance; and be it further Resolved, That these programs include a mechanism for dioceses to share their “best practices” and “lessons learned” in the process of accelerating their mission performance.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 225-226.



Resolution Number: 2006-A056
Title: On the Topic of Ecumenical Relations and Establishing a Basis for Interreligious Dialogue
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, ~~That the 75th General Convention acknowledge our baptismal identity as essential to who we are as Christians, and that it commits us, among other things, “to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves” (BCP page 305); and be it further~~
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the following statement as a basis for engaging in interreligious dialogue:

~~We affirm that the universe is the creation of a single loving God and is ours to care for in accordance with God’s purposes of respecting and honoring all who are created in the image of God (BCP, Catechism, page 846).~~

~~We acknowledge that the human family is broken by the power of sin and that Jesus’ Good News was given to the Church so that, with the help of God, we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation (BCP, Catechism, page 849).~~

~~We affirm the foundational Gospel proclamation that “Jesus is Lord” (I Cor.12:3), and therefore~~
We affirm the centrality of Jesus’ Summary of God’s Law: *which calls upon us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:29-31; BCP, Catechism, page 851). For this reason we reach out in love and genuine openness to know and to understand those of other faiths and that this first, great commandment leads to God’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves (BCP, Catechism, page 851).*

Therefore we commend to all our members dialogue for building relationships, the sharing of information, religious education, and celebration with people of other religions as part of Christian life with the understanding that:

1. dialogue begins when people meet each other
2. dialogue depends upon mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust
3. dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community
4. dialogue is a medium of authentic witness by all parties and not an opportunity for proselytizing

We believe that such dialogue may be a contribution toward helping people of different religions grow in mutual understanding and make common cause in peacemaking, social justice, and religious liberty.

We further commend that dioceses, parishes, and other organizations of The Episcopal Church initiate such dialogue in partnership with other Christian Churches and in consultation with other provinces of the Communion, where appropriate ~~in all cases~~.



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: 2006-A159
Title: Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that The Episcopal Church is in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commend the Windsor Report and process as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further

Resolved, That as an expression of interdependence, the Presiding offices of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 338.



Resolution Number: 2006-A165
Title: Commend the Windsor Report and Commit to the "Windsor Process"
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Windsor Report “as offering a way forward for the mutual life of our Communion” (Primates’ Communiqué), and as an essential and substantive contribution to the process of living into deeper levels of communion and interdependence across the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church to the ongoing “Windsor Process,” a process of discernment as to the nature and unity of the Church, as we pursue a common life of dialogue, listening, and growth, formed and informed by the bonds of communion we share; and urge all members of this Church to commit themselves to the call of greater communion and interdependent life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commend the “listening process” as recommended in the Windsor Report, “so that greater common understanding might be obtained on the underlying issue of same gender relationships” (Windsor Report, ¶135); and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention gratefully acknowledge the practical steps taken by the Anglican Communion Office to begin a formal “listening process” across the Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention commit this Church to participating fully and openly in this “listening process,” both at the local level and with the rest of the Communion (ACC 13, Resolution 12); and be it further

Resolved, That a staff person at The Episcopal Church Center be identified to forward this “listening process” in coordination with the cognate person for the Communion and with our Communion partners.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 688-689.



Resolution Number: 2006-A166
Title: Support Development of an Anglican Covenant
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as a demonstration of our commitment to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Anglican Communion, support the process of the development of an Anglican Covenant that underscores our unity in faith, order, and common life in the service of God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow the development processes of an Anglican Covenant in the Communion, and report regularly to the Executive Council as well as to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention report these actions supporting the Anglican Covenant development process, noting such missiological and theological resources as the Standing Commission on World Mission and the House of Bishops' Theology Committee to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and that the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church report the same to the Primates of the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 339-340.



Resolution Number: 2006-D031
Title: Endorse Triennial Budget Mission Priorities Statement
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the following statement of mission priorities in rank order for the for the 2007–09 triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget for The Episcopal Church.

We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ.

We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our communion.

We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with domestic and overseas dioceses. We recognize that the work of mission depends in large part on increasing the leadership capacity of clergy and lay leaders of the church. We affirm the spirit of the budget adopted by the 74th General Convention and identify for the mission of the Church during 2007–2009 the following priorities, listed in rank order of importance:

1. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:** Promoting justice and peace for all of God’s creation and continuing and accelerating the leadership role and programs of The Episcopal Church, which support the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals* in the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and in the world.
2. **YOUNG ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN:** Reaching out to young adults, youth and children through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.
3. **RECONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM:** Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God’s mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the church.
4. **CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION:** Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, lifelong learning, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.
5. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

***The Millennium Development Goals**

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
Achieve universal primary education
Promote gender equality and empower women
Reduce child Mortality
Improve maternal health
Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases

Ensure environmental sustainability
Develop a global partnership for development

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 162-163.



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-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-A135
Title: Encourage All Members of the Church to Develop a Personal Spiritual Discipline
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That in recognition of the church's tradition of calling us to work, pray, and give for the spread of God's kingdom, all members of The Episcopal Church be encouraged to develop a personal spiritual discipline that includes, at a minimum, the holy habits of tithing, daily personal prayer and study, Sabbath time, and weekly corporate worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the Bishops and Deputies of the 74th General Convention be given an opportunity to sign the following declaration:

As Christian stewards and leaders of The Episcopal Church, we affirm that we are tithing, or have adopted a plan to work toward tithing as a minimum standard for our giving; and that, if we are not already doing so, we are committed to give priority to corporate worship, personal daily prayer and study, and Sabbath time in our own lives; and we invite all members of The Episcopal Church to join us in these holy habits; and be it further

Resolved, That we commit ourselves to present this declaration to our diocesan conventions for adoption and signature, and in turn to the vestries and people of our parishes, missions, and university centers; and be it further

*Resolved, That the Secretary publish a list of the General Convention signatories in the Journal of the 74th General Convention and provide the same to *Episcopal Life* for publication of the statement and the list of signatories.*

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 588f



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.



Resolution Number: 2003-C006
Title: Welcome the Church's Diverse "New Majority"
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That in implementing the 20/20 goal of focusing The Episcopal Church on domestic mission and evangelism, this church reach out to groups not traditionally within the scope of these efforts, which include persons who have felt unwelcome or alienated by the church, particularly, though not limited to, those who identify themselves as the "new majority" characterized by diversity of race, ethnicity, language, disability, and sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention affirm the work of the Congregational Development Unit of the Church Center, already begun in these efforts, and urge them to continue to include and expand, as components of their ongoing and future programs, elements of diversity, including but not limited to the groups listed above.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 210.



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: 2003-D039
Title: Endorse Triennial Budget Priorities Statement
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 74th General Convention endorse the following statement of priorities in rank order for the budget of the next triennium and direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to use these priorities in forming the Budget of The Episcopal Church 2004-2006:

Priorities

We offer these mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ.

We are committed to the importance of our ministry of reconciliation and communion at every level of our common life.

We embrace diversity and seek to promote inclusion and power sharing which underlie and inform all priorities, decisions, and all that we do. In faithfulness to these commitments, we continue to honor our covenants and partnerships with overseas dioceses.

We affirm the work of the Executive Council in identifying the following priorities for the mission of the church for the next triennium.

1. **Young Adults and Youth: Reaching out to young adults and youth through intentional inclusion and full incorporation in the thinking, work, worship and structure of the Church.**
2. **Reconciliation and Evangelism: Reconciling and engaging those who do not know Christ by participating in God's mission of reconciling all things to Christ and proclaiming the Gospel to those who are not yet members of the Church.**
3. **Congregational Transformation: Revitalizing and transforming congregations through commitment to leadership development, spiritual growth, dynamic and inclusive worship, greater diversity, and mission.**
4. **Justice and Peace: Promoting justice and peace for all of God's creation and reaching out to the dispossessed, imprisoned and otherwise voiceless needy.**
5. **Partnerships: Reaffirming the importance of our partnerships with provinces of the Anglican Communion and beyond and our relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 152.



Resolution Number: 2000-A129
Title: Direct the Executive Council to Continue to Develop Relationships with Overseas Dioceses
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention commend to Executive Council the efforts of the Consultation on Autonomy held in October 1999 by the Standing Commission on World Mission with autonomous jurisdictions that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church, namely, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, the Anglican Church of Central America, the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia (now a member of the Province of West Africa), the Anglican Church of Mexico, and the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to honor the Church's continuing covenants and agreements with jurisdictions of the Anglican Communion that were formerly part of the Episcopal Church to ensure that all of the Episcopal Church's responsibilities under the covenants are carried out and that the Church work in companionship with them to carry out God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to nurture companionship with the Church's present overseas jurisdictions - namely, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Litoral, Taiwan, the Virgin Islands, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, and the Church in Micronesia - to ensure growth toward maturity among all participants and including ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to set long-range financial goals for the portion of the program budget devoted to overseas ECUSA jurisdictions; develop and publicize a plan for meeting such goals; and determine the feasibility of a "campaign for autonomy" that would avoid the need for lengthy covenant commitments if and when autonomy is undertaken by any overseas jurisdictions; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to include the Church's overseas jurisdictions in all communications planning and programming, especially electronic communications; and to prepare a plan in consultation with the Companion diocesan network to encourage companion relationships with geographically distant overseas jurisdictions and provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that all Executive Council members are briefed thoroughly at least once a year on the status of overseas ECUSA jurisdictions, autonomy processes being undertaken by ECUSA jurisdictions and covenants with autonomous jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct Executive Council to ensure that overseas ECUSA dioceses are effectively represented on decision-making bodies of the Church and that the decision-making bodies of ECUSA continue to seek the perspectives of the jurisdictions formerly part of ECUSA.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 533f.

TOPIC/TITLE: Budget: Mission Budget Priorities
PROPOSER: The Rev. Canon Mary D. Glasspool
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1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the
2 following budget priorities in developing the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal
3 Church.

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5 Budget Priorities:

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- 7 · Networking the members of the Body of Christ
 - 8 a. Establishing and supporting collaborative efforts within and among dioceses
 - 9 and congregations to promote vibrant ministry in service to God's mission
 - 10 b. Structuring healthy relationships with overseas dioceses of The Episcopal
 - 11 Church and those Anglican provinces historically related to The Episcopal
 - 12 Church, clarifying commitments with firm timelines and establishing
 - 13 necessary accountability
 - 14 c. Promoting partnerships with other dioceses and churches of the Anglican
 - 15 Communion, encouraging multi-diocese mission efforts that reduce
 - 16 redundancy and enhance relationships both domestic and foreign
 - 17 d. Advancing ecumenical relationships and collaborations
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- 19 · Alleviating Poverty and Injustice
 - 20 a. Inspiring and modeling a genuine commitment to the United Nations'
 - 21 Millennium Development Goals
 - 22 b. Addressing, domestically and abroad, the challenges and consequences of a
 - 23 failing global economy
 - 24 c. Advocating for and working to provide education, healthcare, employment,
 - 25 housing, and equal rights for all of God's beloved
 - 26 d. Promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship of creation
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- 28 · Claiming our Identity
 - 29 a. Exploring and discovering who we are as The Episcopal Church, within the
 - 30 comprehensive reality of our complex culture and in relationship to others
 - 31 b. Educating about Episcopal Church governance and polity, forming at all ages
 - 32 our Christian, Episcopal, and Anglican identity
 - 33 c. Telling Christ's story and our story, utilizing current technology and a vibrant
 - 34 contemporary communications network

Endorser(s): Ms. Judith Esmay, Ms. Pan Adams-McCaslin

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- Growing Congregations and the Next Generations of Faith
 - a. Establishing lifelong Christian formation throughout the Church, with specific support of youth and young adults
 - b. Making evangelists of all communicants
 - c. Teaching and developing the spiritual discipline of giving
 - d. Providing discernment and formation of lay and ordained ministries
 - e. Supporting congregational vitality and development, with particular attention to immigrant, indigenous, and underserved populations

- Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Ministry
 - a. Inspiring and developing sound leadership at all levels of the Church
 - b. Moving from programmatic structures to ministry networks
 - c. Collaborating with seminaries and dioceses to restructure and retool theological education for a changing church
 - d. Reviewing provincial and diocesan configurations and composition
 - e. Assuring standards of accountability and measurement of outcome
 - f. Providing legal and operational support for dioceses in transition or litigation

EXPLANATION:

For the third time in seventy-six General Conventions, the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance offers budget priorities to assist in its work of constructing a budget for the coming triennium. It has received from the Executive Council a draft budget and has sought, through extensive interviews and an open hearing, to gather the Church's understanding of its vocation "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." It proposes to both Houses of the General Convention the above resolution and budget priorities for the 2010-2012 triennial budget. We understand and offer these as priorities for the ministry of The Episcopal Church, not priorities one over another. All are essential and of equal value, and should be received with a "both/and" rather than an "either/or" spirit as together they engage and empower the communicants, congregations, and dioceses of this Church in common ministries that serve God's mission.

BALLOT RESULTS:

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