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All **Resolution Number:** 1976-B117**Title:** Continue to Financially Support the Three Black Colleges**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended**Final Text:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, through September 23, 1976, strongly supports the continuance of financial support through the budget at no less than the present level and, if possible, at an increased level, to Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina; and St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia; and be it further**

Resolved, **That financial support of these institutions be recognized as an important part of the ongoing missionary and educational work of the Church.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. C-8.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**Author:****Originating House:** House of Deputies**Originating Committee:** Committee on Education**House of Deputies**

On the Fourth Day, the Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Deputy Green (Southern Virginia), presented Report #3, Resolution B-117 on Financial Support for Certain Black Colleges, as amended and moved the following:

Whereas, the Ministry of Education is widely recognized as a responsibility of the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, St. Augustine's College (founded 1867), Raleigh, North Carolina; St. Paul's College (founded 1888), Lawrenceville, Virginia, and Voorhees College (founded 1897), Denmark, South Carolina, are institutions established by Episcopalians and supported in part by the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, as a group, these colleges have provided a total of almost 300 years of education for Black youth, for whom neither public nor private alternatives were available because of their race; and

Whereas, over the years, as well as now, they have drawn students from the North and Mid-West, from Africa and the Caribbean, as well as from the southeastern section of this country; and

Whereas, Episcopal affiliation has been important for these three colleges, has helped attract serious students, dedicated faculty and ongoing, though inadequate, financial support; and

Whereas, as church related schools, they have consistently emphasized high standards in academic, personal and campus life; and have also emphasized individual and community responsibility, the chapel being as important as the classroom; and

Whereas, this affiliation has also been important for the Episcopal Church as evidence that its ministry in higher education has reached not only the privileged but youth who have been denied access to a college education solely because of their race; and

Whereas, presently, almost 3000 students attend these schools: St. Augustine's, 1500; St. Paul's, 500; and Voorhees, 900; and

Whereas, through the years, these colleges, though always inadequately funded, have been

successful in training men and women who have been effective in many fields, training more than 30% of all Black Episcopal priests; and

Whereas, more than half of the students require scholarship and work-study aid; and

Whereas, the financial support of General Convention represents the critical difference between funds received from all other sources and funds needed; therefore be it

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, through September 23, 1976, strongly supports the continuance of financial support through the budget at no less than the present level and, if possible, at an increased level, to Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina; and St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia; and be it further

Resolved, that financial support of these institutions be recognized as an important part of the ongoing missionary and educational work of the Church.

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)

House of Bishops

On the Sixth Day, the Bishop Suffragan of New York, Chairman of the Committee on Education, moved concurrence with the House of Deputies Message #38 (B-117, Financial Support for Certain Black Colleges).

The Bishop of Western Kansas moved the following amendment to (B-117): that the words "at no less than the present level" be deleted.

The amendment was seconded by the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Amendment failed

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)

Abstract: The 65th General Convention supports the continuation of financial support to three Episcopal Black colleges.

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