

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMITTEE — RESOLUTION 2012-D042

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Summary of Work

Mandate: Established pursuant to AN-026, adopted by Executive Council in February 2014, to assure the effective, thorough, and collaborative implementation of the policies adopted by the 77th General Convention through Resolution D042 and referred to multiple bodies. Representation from specific committees and commissions and a report to Executive Council for inclusion in its Blue Book report were mandated.

The mandate for Resolution D042 states that the 77th General Convention re-commit to protecting victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, by continuing to support legislation and action oriented to recovery and reintegration of trafficking victims into society; commend the work of the Anglican Women’s Empowerment and the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women in addressing human trafficking as a national and international priority and recommends that all dioceses utilize the resources of these two organizations to provide education on this insidious form of modern day slavery; the provinces of The Episcopal Church appoint a person from each province who will coordinate with the Commission of the Status of Women, or another appropriate committee of Executive Council to allow sharing of additional vital resources on human trafficking; each province of The Episcopal Church begin a dialogue with another province to recognize how both domestic and international trafficking affects the peoples of their provinces.

Meetings: The Committee was appointed in late April of 2014, and a convener was appointed in early May. The Committee began with email introductions and had its first conference call on July 1, 2014. During this call, after much discussion, it was decided a needed resource was a web-based toolkit. This toolkit, which would be placed on a web page with other resources, would be not only for those interested in learning more about the issue of human trafficking, but also for those working with survivors or those eager to work with survivors. It would list who, in each province, is working with survivors and could be a local resource for others. This list of people would come from the current list of coordinators named for each province.

In following the spirit of Resolution D042, this web page and toolkit could reach all areas of the Church and could be translated into the many languages spoken by The Episcopal Church. We know that human trafficking exists everywhere, and that no one area can combat trafficking alone. The resolution sought to bring together people — people at all stages of their learning about human trafficking, from ones eager to

begin to understand this scourge, to those who already work with survivors. We hope to do this through this web page.

The resolution also discussed Provincial representatives. During the first call, we agreed to ask our respective provinces for coordinators who would be willing to serve as links between the Committee and the wider Church. The coordinators would also have their information in the toolkit. As of this writing, we have identified coordinators from several provinces, but are still seeking additional coordinators.

The initial meeting ended with a decision to promulgate a survey to the Church regarding its awareness of, and work with, human trafficking and its survivors. Each member was tasked with creating questions for this survey.

The Committee met a second time, on July 28, 2014 via conference call. During this time we discussed the survey. The survey needed many elements: an opening for understanding of the issue; questions about knowledge, efforts taken, policy concerns, and challenges; and a closing for further information. The questions for the survey were reviewed, and members were chosen to craft the opening and closing pieces of the survey. We are currently finalizing the survey and hope for its widespread dissemination.

After the survey is finalized, we hope to utilize the Listservs already in place to promulgate it. There is also a hope that the toolkit and web page can be hosted by either a current organization connected to The Episcopal Church or on The Episcopal Church website.

Conclusion: Due to the Committee's recent beginnings, we are seeking to continue our work for the rest of this triennium. We have begun a fruitful discussion of the issue of human trafficking and the work that is already being done. For the rest of this triennium, we hope to finalize and disseminate the survey, tabulate the results, and create a webpage and toolkit to showcase resources available for anyone interested in this issue.

Budget

This Committee was not allocated any funds. All meetings have been by conference call. In the future, if the website is approved, funds will be needed for its creation, maintenance and translation of materials.