

Resolution Number: 1988-A092

Title: Request Executive Council to Establish a Commission on Racism

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 69th General Convention give special thanks for Presiding Bishop Edmond Lee Browning's active and faithful leadership in combatting institutional racism and all forms of injustice in the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council establish a Commission on Racism whose duty it shall be:

- 1. to offer and provide assistance to dioceses, congregations and agencies of the Episcopal Church in developing programs to combat racism;
- 2. to offer and provide assistance in the development of affirmative action programs and monitoring the implementation of the same;
- 3. to offer and provide assistance in the evaluation of such programs;

and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission on Racism shall consist of ten members to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop with representation as follows: two Asians, two Blacks, two Hispanics, two Native Americans, two Whites and an ex-officio member from the Committee on the Status of Women; and be it further Resolved, That the Commission on Racism shall be a Commission of the Executive Council; shall report annually to the Executive Council on its activities and progress; and shall report to the General Convention in 1991 and thereafter; [and be it further]

[Resolved, That there be appropriated from the Assessment Budget of the General Convention for the expenses of the Commission on Racism the sum of \$75,000 for the triennium 1989-91.]

Citation: General Convention, Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit,

1988 (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 329.