

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A016  
**Title:** Adopt, Study, and Promote Guiding Principles for World Mission & Initiate Global Mission Advocate Program  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on World Mission  
**Topic:** World Mission

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### **Directly Related:** (Attached)

2018-A208 Amend Canon I.1.2(n) [Standing Commissions]  
2003-A150 Study the World Mission Document, “Companions in Transformation”

### **Indirectly Related:** (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2018-A207 Affirm Beloved Community as a Global Community

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.*

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on World Mission

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 05 - World Mission

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 80th General Convention adopt the following Guiding Principles as a foundation upon which it engages in mission:

- Think and imagine a world where love is the way
- Commit to world mission that is incarnated in personal presence, meeting Christ in all whom we encounter, in our backyard or around the globe
- Go the Way of Love: cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
- Walk the Way of Love with our companions in mission, in mutual discovery and deepening of God's reconciling love, learning together, praying together, worshipping together, as we transform and bless each other
- Excite, inspire, and engage others to discover the joy of God's mission
- Honor and embrace in mutual discovery the God-given gifts of all individuals, parishes, dioceses, their partners, and their communities
- Nurture relationships to develop avenues for cross-cultural mission, local/global/pilgrimage, for all ages and abilities
- Advocate for structural changes to support global mission issues, including promoting the dignity of all and honoring refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers everywhere

- Honor our sacred differences while we unite as Beloved Community around God's table
- Support missionaries, from discernment, during their service, and upon their return
- As we walk this Way of Love, address together the many issues of poverty, violence, oppression, and environmental degradation
- Remember that to "Go" can also mean "Go" by building relationships, learning, listening, encouraging across space through virtual presence and communication from where you are
- Encourage all dioceses to have a Diocesan Global Mission Advocate

and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention commend these Guiding Principles to Episcopal seminaries, diocesan schools of ministry, dioceses and jurisdictions, and congregations for study and implementation and that they be encouraged to study and promote the Guiding Principles; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint at least one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate to promote the study and use of the Guiding Principles and share with the Church promising global mission practices developed as these guiding principles are implemented alongside other models of ministry such as Asset-Based Community Development and the Sustainable Development Goals; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships collaborate during the triennium with the Global Episcopal Mission Network to create a Network of Global Mission Advocates to share their experiences with the implementation, study, and promotion of the Guiding Principles. This Network shall provide guidance to the Standing Commission on World Mission on the practical application of the Guiding Principles and suggest amendments.

## **Explanation**

The nature and understanding of mission continuously evolve. As we strive to be a Beloved Community, the Standing Commission on World Mission presents these Guiding Principles for World Mission to frame the work of and offer a direction for global mission for The Episcopal Church and its mission around the world, to walk the Way of Love in a global context. Expanding on the work of Companions in Transformation presented by the SCWM to the General Convention in 2003 (2003-A150), the current Commission sought input from numerous people active in world mission – inter alia missionaries, academics, the Office of Global Partnerships, the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) – in developing these Guiding Principles.

It is recommended that these Guiding Principles be used along with the Global Mission Toolkit, which is being developed by SCWM with GEMN and the Office of Global Partnerships to guide worship, discussion and engagement in world-wide mission.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A208  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.1.2(n) [Standing Commissions]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended as follows:*

*(3) A Standing Commission on World Mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:*

- (i) Identify the global mission work carried out by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, dioceses, congregations and mission organizations throughout the church.*
- (ii) Consult with the above bodies to envision future directions for the church's global engagement.*
- (iii) Develop policy proposals for world mission for consideration by General Convention.*
- (iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.*

And be it further

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to appropriate \$90,000 to fund the work of the Standing Commission on World Mission for the 2019-21 triennium.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 543.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-A150  
**Title:** Study the World Mission Document, "Companions in Transformation"  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 2003 General Convention call the church to study, during the 2004–2006 triennium, the vision for world mission contained in the document, "Companions in Transformation: The Episcopal Church's World Mission in a New Century," prepared by the Standing Commission on World Mission; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a study group in each diocese be designated to make a critical study of the Vision statement, this group to include diocesan representatives of groups such as Companion Diocese Committees, the Global Mission Network, United Thank Offering, Episcopal Relief and Development, and other member groups of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) and others as may be available, and that a report from each diocese be forwarded to the Standing Commission on World Mission by World Mission Sunday in January 2005; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Convention call on parishes, dioceses, voluntary mission agencies, seminaries, mission networks, and Episcopal Church Center agencies to participate in the outlined process during the triennium; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Convention request the Standing Commission on World Mission to gather and interpret responses from around the church and make specific programmatic and budgetary proposals to the 2006 General Convention.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 634f.