

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A018  
**Title:** Teaching World Mission and Theological Education Beyond the United States  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on World Mission  
**Topic:** Seminaries, World Mission

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

None

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

2018-B022 Continue Joint Programs for Theological Education in Asia  
2006-A115 On the Topic of Developing and Funding World Mission Educational Materials  
(Rejected)  
1994-A139 Establish a Task Force on World Mission/Cross-Cultural Internships  
1985-A170 Encourage Seminary Programs in Cross-cultural Experience

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention, urge all seminaries and programs of formation to include world mission as a core part of their curriculum; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention recognize with appreciation offerings of Episcopal seminaries and other institutions of formation that reach beyond the United States, and urge these seminaries and other institutions to further collaborate with dioceses and jurisdictions outside the United States in developing their online course offerings to provide accessibility of courses and materials to those outside the United States, and take into consideration: cost, timing (if online discussion is required), languages, and certification, with an emphasis on Anglican studies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention task the Standing Commission on World Mission with convening and leading a group composed of members of the Standing Commission, representatives of seminaries in the United States and of seminaries and diocesan programs outside the United States to collaborate and promote development of such courses.

## Explanation

Few of the jurisdictions outside the United States have seminaries or extensive programs of formation. They rely on the programs they are able to develop and on other institutions and seminaries – often non-Anglican – for theological education and training. Attending a seminary in the United States is not an option for most, for a variety of reasons. The need is particularly great in all aspects of Anglican studies: liturgy, theology, tradition and history. While some seminaries and other institutions offer some programming beyond their physical campuses, having more courses available online could considerably help to fill this gap and strengthen the offerings available within these jurisdictions. Courses available beyond the United States would benefit not only those in dioceses of The Episcopal Church, whether those seeking ordination or lay leaders, but also others throughout the Anglican Communion.