

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-A019
Title: Theological Education and Formation in Languages other than English
Proposer: Standing Commission on World Mission
Topic: Language Translation, Seminaries, World Mission

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A082 Develop Theological Education Programs for Latino/Hispanic Ministries
2015-A086 Create a Network of Latino/Hispanic Partners for Congregational Development

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

2018-A070 Create New Translations of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer
2006-A115 On the Topic of Developing and Funding World Mission Educational Materials
(Rejected)

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.

A019 - Theological Education and Formation in Languages other than English

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: 15 - Ministry

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That the 80th General Convention celebrate the efforts being made within The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion to collaborate in offering theological education and formation in languages other than English; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge and promote increasing development and availability throughout The Episcopal Church of theological education and formation in languages other than English, including in our major seminaries and other programs of formation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage Spanish-speaking dioceses of The Episcopal Church to strengthen collaboration amongst themselves and with seminaries in the United States, and also with the Latin American Provinces and Spain to further develop and make widely available courses and materials in theological education and formation in Spanish; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the seminaries and other institutions of formation, in collaboration with the non-US jurisdictions and the Standing Commission on World Mission to identify theological and other texts, especially in Anglican studies, most in need of translation for theological formation, and consult with the Office of Communications

and others as appropriate to explore ways such translations can be made, following professional guidelines; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission, working with the Office of Global Partnerships, be tasked with urging and following up on this initiative.

Explanation

There is a great need to strengthen theological education in languages other than English. Few jurisdictions outside the United States have the resources to do this entirely on their own. Through greater collaboration amongst all Spanish-speaking provinces and dioceses, in particular, more quality materials and courses could be offered more widely, to the benefit of all.

In addition, very few materials pertinent to Anglican studies are available in any language other than English. French and Spanish, in particular, as well as Kreyòl, Chinese, and other languages are the primary language not only of significant parts of The Episcopal Church but throughout the Anglican Communion, making in-depth study of Anglican theology difficult for many members at all levels. There is a great need for more materials and translations not only in Spanish but also in French for the growing numbers of francophone Anglicans, not to mention other languages. By expanding theological education and formation in all languages in wide use in The Episcopal Church, the Church more fully embraces people whose primary language is other than English and becomes closer to becoming Beloved Community.



Resolution Number: 2015-A082
Title: Develop Theological Education Programs for Latino/Hispanic Ministries
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That given the changing demographics in the United States, there is an increased need to provide theological education programs for lay and ordained leaders in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to allocate \$100,000 to the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries to develop and implement bilingual Episcopal theological education programs for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries also create programs to provide enculturation and cultural competency for all leaders across The Episcopal Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 421.



Resolution Number: 2015-A086
Title: Create a Network of Latino/Hispanic Partners for Congregational Development
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the work that the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries has done to identify congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations and to provide them with detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations and other resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, with the advice of the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries, create a churchwide Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development to provide coaches and mentors who will work with congregations, lay leaders, clergy, and diocesan staff to implement the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, to continue creating formation and leadership development resources and programs to meet the needs of clergy and lay leaders currently serving in Latino/Hispanic ministries, including the programs with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners focused on the continuing education and leadership development of clergy and lay leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create mechanisms for mentoring and coaching of clergy currently working in Latino/Hispanic ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create resources for congregational development and redevelopment intended for diocesan staff, clergy, and lay leaders who are exploring establishing Latino/Hispanic bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural worship ministries in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development, create an intensive cultural-competency training program for diocesan staff members, seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders to gain language and cultural skills for ministry in bilingual, multiethnic, and multicultural Latino/Hispanic communities, including collaborations with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners; and provide educational and media resources that will be easily accessible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Network of Partners on Latino/Hispanic Congregational Ministry Development conduct an annual evaluation of programs and review of the use of resources based on a survey of those being served; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$1,500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 330-331.