

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

Resolution No.: 2022-A026
Title: Applaud Missionaries and Commend the 20th Anniversary of the Young Adult Service Corps
Proposer: Standing Commission on World Mission
Topic: Courtesy

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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

None

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: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 24 Privilege & Courtesy

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention applaud the flexibility and resilience of members of the Young Adult Service Corps and the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission who, during the difficult times of pandemic, have faithfully continued to respond to God's call for them, walking the Way of Love as agents and instruments of God's reconciliation, and seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the 20th Anniversary of the Young Adult Service Corps and the work of the Office of Global Partnerships in the spiritual and vocational formation of program candidates and participants; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention give thanks for parishes and dioceses which financially and spiritually support these missionaries during their placements and upon their return home.

Explanation

The Young Adult Service Corps was designed to offer young adults ages 21-30 the opportunity to discern vocations, share their gifts and skills, and be part of the life and work of a community in another part of God's world. In the last 20 years, 208 young adults from all nine provinces of The Episcopal Church have spent time living, working, and praying

alongside Anglican/Episcopal and ecumenical and interfaith partners throughout the world. Young adults commit to one-year assignments.

Episcopal Volunteers in Mission supports Episcopalians ages 31 to build relationships, share their gifts and skills, listen to and learn from partners around the world, and be open to the personal transformation that comes from meeting God in new ways. This program offers opportunities for shorter-term assignments of several months and longer-term assignments of 1-2 years. It is open to both lay and ordained people in a variety of fields including, but not limited to, education, finance, administration, agriculture, communication, and chaplaincy.

The 2020 coronavirus pandemic created challenges for missionaries in both these programs. Their responses to the realities in and demands of their assignments have demonstrated spiritual maturity and faithfulness in discerning faithful responses to God's call and deep commitment to their ministries. Furthermore, financial and spiritual support from dioceses and parishes are critical for sustaining these missionary efforts.