

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A028  
**Title:** Join, Participate, and Fund The Global Episcopal Mission Network  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on World Mission  
**Topic:** World Mission

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

2018-B031 Commend the Global Episcopal Mission Network  
2015-A205 Commemorate the Global Episcopal Mission Network

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

2018-A208 Amend Canon I.1.2(n) [Standing Commissions]

### **Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

Resolves of Council, [EXC06202009](#), June 2020.

*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.*

# A028 - Join, Participate, and Fund The Global Episcopal Mission Network

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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:** Yes

**Cost:** 50.000,00 €

**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 celebrate and commend the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) and its leadership on 25 years of encouraging global mission within and beyond the Church and equipping and inspiring individuals, congregations, and organizations to engage in this work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention acknowledge GEMN's collaboration with the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships in Constable Grant funded work to develop and disseminate a toolkit of online mission formation resources and other programs to promote theologically grounded practices of engagement with the world; and be it further

*Resolved*, That individuals, congregations, seminaries, mission organizations, dioceses, and jurisdictions be encouraged to support the work of GEMN by becoming members, participating in its conferences and activities, and funding its work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That \$50,000 be budgeted to support the work of GEMN during the next triennium.

## Explanation

GEMN was founded in 1995 as a network of dioceses who sought to promote the global mission work of the Church and collaborate around best practices in global mission. Over

the years, the network expanded to include individuals, congregations, seminaries, and mission organizations. Recent GEMN Conferences have focused on Episcopal Church mission priorities of evangelism, reconciliation, and care for creation. During this past triennium, GEMN worked closely with SCWM and with the Office of Global Partnerships (OGP) to develop a digital Global Mission Toolkit to further the work of mission formation. GEMN also transitioned its Mission Formation Program and other mission education to online formats.

Recent world events - such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the climate crisis, and increasing human migration - highlight the importance of working together as God's people in mission across national boundaries. As an integral partner with OGP and SCWM, GEMN plays a crucial role in The Episcopal Church by building and strengthening networks of Episcopalians engaged in global mission. GEMN intends to continue collaboration with SCWM and OGP in the coming triennium to promote and share the Guiding Principles for World Mission and the Global Mission Digital Toolkit as well as offer online and in-person mission conferences and formation for Global Mission Advocates.

This resolution calls for support for GEMN from both voluntary memberships and from the triennium budget to create a more stable financial base for shared networking around global mission. It also encourages participation in GEMN activities to help Episcopalians think and imagine a world where Love is the Way.



**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:** 2018-B031  
**Title:** Commend the Global Episcopal Mission Network  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the global dimension of God’s mission that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church has carried out since 1835 through deploying missionaries, developing mission companionships with Christians around the world, and engaging globally in educational, healthcare and justice work; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention commend the networking, mission education and mobilization for global mission that the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) has carried out since 1995 through the annual Global Mission Conference, the Mission Formation Program, and online resources; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, freestanding mission organizations, individuals, and seminaries to strengthen their global engagement through membership in the Global Episcopal Mission Network.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 436.