

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A049  
**Title:** Host and conduct a second Building Beloved Community Conference by or before 2024  
**Proposer:** Executive Council  
**Topic:** Racism, Reconciliation

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

2018-A043      Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
2018-A228      Create a Beloved Community Summit  
2018-D002      Request Funding for Racial Reconciliation Initiatives

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

2018-A045      Reaffirm and Report on Anti-Racism Training

*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.*

# A049 - Host and conduct a second Building Beloved Community Conference by or before 2024

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Executive Council

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$50,000.00

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout the Episcopal Church for the purposes of developing skills among leaders, growing a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers and igniting the church to live boldly into the Jesus Way of Beloved Community; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation host a second Building Beloved Community Conference by or before July 2024. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society allocate up to \$50,000 to fund this work for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God's People.

## Explanation

Hebrews 10:24-25 “24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

The Presiding Officers’ Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation scheduled the first Building Beloved Community Conference in Minneapolis, May 5-7, 2020, which had to be canceled due to COVID-19 concerns about large groups congregating. Instead, the POAG held the Beloved Community Conference by Zoom on July 28 – 30, 2020. The conference discussion followed three (3) tracks: Day 1 – Truth, Day 2 – Reconciliation, Day 3 – Healing, and conference registration and attendance far exceeded the expectations of the committee. Undoubtedly, the ability to attend the conference by Zoom increased attendance; yet, such massive registration and attendance numbers indicate the need for continuing these conversations.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A043  
**Title:** Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:

**“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:**

**Recognizing and developing its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation; recommending best practices for dismantling racism training; collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 for providing anti-racism training; and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis.”**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 667-668.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A228  
**Title:** Create a Beloved Community Summit  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders, who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout the Episcopal Church for the purposes of building capacity among leaders and igniting the church to live into the Jesus Way of Beloved Community; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in collaboration with partner ministries, shall organize by December 31st, 2019, a Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community, that will grow a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society fund this work for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God's People.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 696-697.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-D002  
**Title:** Request Funding for Racial Reconciliation Initiatives  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate \$5.0 million for the triennium for the implementation of additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further*

*Resolved, That such monies shall be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses and other affiliated entities of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of Racial Reconciliation. Such activities may include, but not be limited to, speaker series, sacred conversations, Racial Reconciliation Workshops, and other activities that promote the purposes of this resolution; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this General Convention directs, consistent with established policies and procedures, that the Executive Council be charged with the establishment of all criteria, and procedures associated with the awarding of such grants, and that such criteria and procedures be established as soon as practical, after the conclusion of this 79th General Convention such Committee or Office that Executive Council shall designate with implementation of the grants shall have published the criteria and be ready to accept applications submitted for such grants, and that the entities receiving such grants shall report back to the Committee or Office that Executive Council shall have designated on the usage of its grant, and that the Executive Council shall report back to the General Convention in 2021 on the usage of the \$5.0 million allocation.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 465.