

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A101  
**Title:** Virtual Gatherings with Ethnic Ministries  
**Proposer:** Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation  
**Topic:** Racism

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

2018-A225 Encourage Ecumenical Partnerships for Beloved Community  
2018-A228 Create a Beloved Community Summit

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

2018-A207 Affirm Beloved Community as a Global Community

*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.*

# A101 - Virtual Gatherings with Ethnic Ministries

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation

**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 80th General Convention affirms that building the Beloved Community is a primary way this Church fulfills “the mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (Book of Common Prayer, page 855); and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention shall mandate the Presiding Officers’ Advisory Group for Beloved Community Implementation to work with each of the ethnic ministries of the Church to facilitate gathering local leaders of their communities in virtual convocations to dialogue about the specific ways systemic racism afflicts their communities, and to develop recommendations to the 81st General Convention for future actions to build the Beloved Community; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention tasks the Presiding Officers’ Advisory Group for Beloved Community Implementation to report on these virtual convocations and their recommendations to the 81st General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention budgets the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund these virtual gatherings.

## Explanation

The Episcopal church has long recognized that racism is woven through the fabric not only of society but also the Church. The General Convention and the House of Bishops of the

Episcopal Church have historically made strong statements condemning the sin of racism, and promoting the building of the Beloved Community. It is understood that racism is not a binary Black-White issue. This resolution seeks to empower our diverse ethnic communities to gather to dialogue about the specific ways they experience oppression of systemic racism, and to give them voice to recommend concrete steps for building the Beloved Community.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A225  
**Title:** Encourage Ecumenical Partnerships for Beloved Community  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That, whereas the Presiding Bishop has articulated three foci for the work of Becoming Beloved Community—care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism—the 79th General Convention recognizes that we cannot do this work alone, and that we have much to offer other church traditions and much to learn from them in the work of the three above named areas; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, Dioceses, Episcopal Communities, and Parishes to seek ecumenical partners for mutual upbuilding in the areas of care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism; and be it further*

*Resolved, That they be encouraged to seek ecumenical partners that reflect the racial, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural diversity of their context.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 540.



**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.