

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-A102
Title: Virtual Gatherings with Interim Bodies and Other Ministries of the Church
Proposer: Presiding Officers' Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation
Topic: Racism

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.

A102 - Virtual Gatherings with Interim Bodies and Other Ministries of the Church

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: \$100,000.00

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 09 - Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

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 the Interim Bodies and other ministries of the Church to facilitate Virtual gatherings to dialogue about the specific ways systemic racism influences and afflicts ability to participate in building the Beloved Community through their ministries, 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 \$100,000.00 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. Simply put, it is time to engage every aspect of the Church in meaningful dialogue about the ways racism afflicts its ministries, and to develop ways to address identified issues, all in an effort to build 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.