General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.:	2022-B008
Title:	A Call for the Cessation of Conflict in Ukraine
Proposer:	The Rt. Rev. Mark Edington
Topic:	Warfare

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 <u>Research Request Form</u> or call 800-525-9329.

The Acts of General Convention 1973-2018 * Research report provided by The Archives of the Episcopal Church

B008 - A Call for the Cessation of Conflict in Ukraine

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: The Rt. Rev. Mark Edington Endorsed by: The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde Requests New Interim Body: No Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No Has Budget Implications: No Cost: HiA: HB Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & International Policy Completion Status: Incomplete Latest House Action: N/A Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of ______ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemns the aggression launched by the Russian Federation on the sovereign and independent nation of Ukraine on February 24, 2022; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention calls on the leaders of the nations engaged in this conflict to cease immediately from this unjustifiable and bloody violence, and that those among the nations of the world who may have the capacity to influence the choices made by those directing this war call upon them urgently to do so; and be it further

Resolved, that as faithful Christians we call upon our siblings in the churches of Russia and Ukraine to remind their leaders of Christ's commandment that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves—a commandment we believe provides no justification for violent conflict unless in the defense of the vulnerable and defenseless; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention commends the work of Episcopal Relief and Development, and our congregations in Europe, in their ongoing efforts to provide support and succor to all refugees seeking safety and shelter in Europe; and helping them rebuild shattered lives; and be it further

Resolved, that all refugees, regardless of the reasons for their flight or the country of their origin, be received with equal dignity, equal hospitality, and equal treatment; and that all congregations be aware of, and guard against, the dangers of human trafficking to which refugees are especially vulnerable; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention commends the ongoing work of diplomats and peacemakers, and calls upon all those in authority to labor without ceasing to bring a swift and just end to this conflict, and a restoration of Ukraine's independence and autonomy under conditions of tranquility.