General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022
Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-C036

Title: Funding for Beloved Community

Proposer: Iowa

Topic: Racism, Reconciliation

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A043 Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
2018-A045 Reaffirm and Report on Anti-Racism Training
2018-A225 Encourage Ecumenical Partnerships for Beloved Community
2018-A228 Create a Beloved Community Summit
2018-D002 Request Funding for Racial Reconciliation Initiatives
2015-C019 Work for Racial Justice and Reconciliation
2009-A143 Extend 2006 Resolution to Examine and Repent for Complicity in Slavery
2006-A127 Endorse Restorative Justice and Anti-Racism

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

2018-A044 Set Essential Components of Anti-Racism or Racial Reconciliation 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.

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Iowa
Supported by: Province VI
Requests New Interim Body: No
Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No
Has Budget Implications: Yes
Cost: $2,000,000.00
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 this 80th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $2.0 million for the triennium for the continued 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 again 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 shall again 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 80th 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 2024 on the usage of the $2.0 million allocation.

Explanation

Resolution came from the diocesan Beloved Community Initiative, which wants to see the program continued, with support from the General Church Budget. This resolutions was passed by Diocesan Convention to be forwarded to General Convention and the Provincial Synod.

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-A045

Title: Reaffirm and Report on Anti-Racism Training

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted

Final Text:

Resolved, **That we acknowledge that not all dioceses have followed the spirit of the anti-racism training required in Title III or General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership;** and be it further
Resolved, **That we acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the 79th General Convention re-affirms the necessity and importance of anti-racism training for the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to committees, commissions, agencies, task forces, and boards;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and The Episcopal Church staff, The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing and Christian Formation professionals be encouraged to work together to continue to expand the resources available for trainings that can be adapted to different contexts and that address the multiplicity and intersectionality of oppressions that exist in society, and maintain online a recommended list of curricula and programs as they are developed, that could be used for anti-racism training and for training facilitators;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church are also expected to engage in ongoing spiritual formation and education focused on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as part of our Church's commitment to Becoming Beloved Community;** and be it further
Resolved, **That each committee, commission, agency, task force, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who have participated in training, and annually report to the Executive Council through the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism by January 1 each year, how many people have participated in training and what other Becoming Beloved Community formation opportunities have been offered and that the Council report on this information to future General Conventions until such time as the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism or its succeeding body determines it is no longer necessary.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 669.

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.

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.

Resolution Number: 2015-C019

Title: Work for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted

Final Text:

Resolved, **That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church confesses that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952, the abomination and sin of racism continue to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity; we formally acknowledge our historic and contemporary participation in this evil and repent of it;** and be it further

Resolved, **That in the wake of the brutal, overtly racist murders of nine of our Christian brothers and sisters of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015; numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel; and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the net of an unjust criminal justice system, the 78th General Convention affirms as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Church understands and affirms that the call to pray and act for racial reconciliation is integral to our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our living into the demands of our Baptismal Covenant;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Bishops, and Vice President of the House of Deputies be charged to lead, direct, and be present to assure and account for the Church's work of racial justice and reconciliation;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1.2 million for the Triennium for the implementation of this resolution.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 310-311.

Resolution Number: 2009-A143

Title: Extend 2006 Resolution to Examine and Repent for Complicity in Slavery

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, **That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A123, which was passed at the 75th General Convention, through the 2013-2015 triennium;** and be it further
Resolved, **That, as directed by Resolution 2006-A123, the General Convention encourage each diocese to continue over the next six years a process to gather information in its community on (1) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination, (2) examples of resistance to slavery and discrimination and (3) the economic benefits derived by The Episcopal Church from the transatlantic slave trade and the institution of slavery;** and be it further
Resolved, **That dioceses consult with the anti-racism officer of The Episcopal Church for resources to aid them in doing this work;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the information gathering be used as the foundation for truth telling, confession, apology, forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation;** and be it further
Resolved, **That each diocese, as requested by Resolution 2006-A123, name a Day of Repentance and on that day hold a Service of Repentance;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the General Convention require all dioceses to report their results to the 77th and 78th General Conventions.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 711.

Resolution Number: 2006-A127

Title: Endorse Restorative Justice and Anti-Racism

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, **That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice, an important tool in implementing a neutral articulation of the self-examination and amendment of life that is required to fulfill our baptismal covenant;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant;** and be it further

Resolved, **That in the spirit of inclusion, dioceses also be invited to determine whether their call is to conduct truth and reconciliation processes in regard to other histories and legacies of racial discrimination and oppression that may be applicable in their geographic area, while not diminishing the strong call to focus on the history and legacy of slavery;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the dioceses will give a progress report to the Anti-Racism Committee. The Anti-Racism Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on National Concerns and to Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 665-666.