

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

Resolution No.: 2022-D089
Title: Equitable Access to General Convention for Non-Domestic Diocese Deputies
Proposer: The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro
Topic: House of Deputies

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-D094 Refer a Resolution on Travel for Deputies Outside the US (Referred)

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 [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.

D089 - Equitable Access to General Convention for Non-Domestic Diocese Deputies

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: The Rev. José Rodríguez-Sanjuro

Endorsed by: Mr. Joe McDaniel, The Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera, Ms. Wendy Cañas

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - Governance & Structure

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 directs the Executive Council to find ways to assist deputies and alternates from non-domestic dioceses who are not citizens or eligible nationals of a Visa Waiver Program country obtain U.S. visas and subsidize the costs of obtaining visas for deputies and alternates to the General Convention to enter the United States.

Explanation

To aid each deputation from non-domestic dioceses to exercise their prophetic voice in and for The Episcopal Church and its General Convention, the Church directs its Executive Council to work with all deputies from non-domestic requiring visas to enter the United States of America assistance in obtaining all necessary travel documentation required by the United States for entry.

This resolution intends that this assistance is initiated by the Episcopal Church and commences immediately after the election of each deputy and alternate, and includes all advocacy before Federal agencies should a visa application be rejected.



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Title: Refer a Resolution on Travel for Deputies Outside the US
Legislative Action Taken: Referred
Final Text:

Resolved, That in order to aid each deputation from non-domestic dioceses to exercise their prophetic voice in and for The Episcopal Church and its General Convention, that the sum of \$500,000 be allocated as a fellowship for the benefit of elected members of the House of Deputies, residing outside of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That these fellowships be available to individual deputies duly elected for non-domestic dioceses, in need of financial assistance and/or to cover all visa or travel document requirements, transportation, lodging, and reasonable per diem to ensure full participation of deputies not resident in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That these funds shall be made available for up to four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, and four Lay Persons, domiciled outside of the United States as well as one ordained and one lay alternate; and be it further

Resolved, That these funds will be made available at each General Convention beginning in the 2018-2021 Triennium.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 456-457.