

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A085
Title: Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network
Proposer: Standing Commission on World Mission
Topic: World Mission

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-A016 Adopt Guiding Principles for World Mission
2015-A113 Continue the Global Mission Mapping Project

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

2022-A028 Support the Ongoing Work The Global Episcopal Mission Network
2015-A013 Support the Work of Global Missions Programs

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2022, 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](#).

A085 - Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: No House Assigned

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: No Committee Assigned

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the General Convention commend the dioceses who have appointed a Global Mission Advocate pursuant to Resolution A016 from the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention strongly encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct dioceses to support the mission and work of their appointed Global Mission Advocates, working with the Office of Global Partnerships and the Standing Commission on World Mission, by providing opportunities for sharing within the diocese about the importance of global mission and the range of resources available, and by providing financial support for attendance at the triennial in-person meeting of the Global Mission Advocates Network; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request a budget allocation of \$75,000 to financially support the in-person gathering in the next triennium of the Global Mission Advocates Network.

Explanation

Global mission is an integral part of the identity of The Episcopal Church, known officially as The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The voice of The Episcopal Church is vital in upholding and advocating for the values of God's liberating love throughout the world

The 80th General Convention passed Resolution A016 which encouraged **each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint at least one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate to be part of the Global Mission Advocates Network**. The purpose of establishing the Global Mission Advocates Network is to ensure that the Episcopal Church remain committed to the spreading of the Gospel and the furtherance of Christ's mission of love and compassion in the world in a sustainable and responsible manner.

As of December, 2023, approximately 50 dioceses had appointed Global Mission Advocates, which means less than half of Episcopal dioceses are represented in the Network. The Standing Committee on World Mission strongly believes that this limited participation hampers the opportunity for The Episcopal Church to fully live out its global mission mandate.

This resolution strongly encourages all dioceses to appoint a Global Mission Advocate and directs dioceses to support the mission and work of their appointed advocates. In addition, this resolution requests that General Convention allocate \$75,000 to support the Global Mission Advocates Network by defraying the costs of attending the triennial meeting of the Global Mission Advocates Network in order to encourage and support broader participation and further the work of global mission.



Resolution Number: 2022-A016
Title: Adopt Guiding Principles for World Mission
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention adopt the following Guiding Principles as a foundation upon which it engages in mission:

- **Think and imagine a world where love is the way**
- **Commit to world mission that is incarnated in personal presence, meeting Christ in all whom we encounter, in our backyard or around the globe**
- **Go the Way of Love: cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus**
- **Walk the Way of Love with our companions in mission, in mutual discovery and deepening of God’s reconciling love, learning together, praying together, worshipping together, as we transform and bless each other**
- **Excite, inspire, and engage others to discover the joy of God’s mission**
- **Honor and embrace in mutual discovery the God-given gifts of all individuals, parishes, dioceses, their partners, and their communities**
- **Nurture relationships to develop avenues for cross-cultural mission, local/global/pilgrimage, for all ages and abilities**
- **Advocate for structural changes to support global mission issues, including promoting the dignity of all and honoring refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers everywhere**
- **Honor our sacred differences while we unite as Beloved Community around God’s table**
- **Support missionaries, from discernment, during their service, and upon their return**
- **As we walk this Way of Love, address together the many issues of poverty, violence, oppression, and environmental degradation**
- **Remember that to “Go” can also mean “Go” by building relationships, learning, listening, encouraging across space through virtual presence and communication from where you are**
- **Encourage all dioceses to have a Diocesan Global Mission Advocate**

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend these Guiding Principles to Episcopal seminaries, diocesan schools of ministry, dioceses and jurisdictions, and congregations for study and implementation and that they be encouraged to study and promote the Guiding Principles; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, Episcopal seminary, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint at least one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate to promote the study and use of the Guiding Principles and share with the Church promising global mission practices developed as these guiding principles are implemented alongside other models of ministry such as Asset-Based Community Development and the Sustainable Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Office of Global Partnerships collaborate during the triennium with the Global Episcopal Mission Network to create a Network of Global Mission Advocates to share their experiences with the implementation, study, and promotion of the Guiding Principles. This Network shall provide

guidance to the Standing Commission on World Mission on the practical application of the Guiding Principles and suggest amendments.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), pp. 436-437.



Resolution Number: 2015-A113
Title: Continue the Global Mission Mapping Project
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to continue the development of the Global Mission Mapping Project.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 306.