

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A087
Title: Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals
Proposer: Standing Commission on World Mission
Topic: Environment

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-A020 Encourage Support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
2018-B026 Endorse the UN Sustainable Development Goals as the Basis for Policy and Action

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

2022-A016 Adopt Guiding Principles for World Mission

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](#).

A087 - Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

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 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, direct the Office of Global Partnerships to facilitate the creation of a churchwide data survey and to collect data on participation in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a measure of how The Episcopal Church is meeting these goals; and be it further

Resolved, That such data collected be shared publicly as a means to encourage and ignite further participation across the Church, inform future action and be shared in report form to the 82nd and 83rd General Conventions for such uses.

Explanation

The 80th General Convention adopted the resolution (2022-A020) submitted by the SCWM: Support Decade of Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). When the member states adopted the SDGS in 2015, the goal was to achieve the targets for the 17 SDGs by 2030. Given the Episcopal Church's 'special consultative status' in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, it is critical that data be collected from across our Church as to how we are meeting these goals in our congregations and dioceses. The SCWM proposes a resolution to direct the Office of Global Partnerships to facilitate the

creation of a churchwide data survey and collection of data in preparation for a report back to the 82nd and 83rd General Convention, in addition to sharing this data and stories with relevant United Nations entities and in the context of the annual High-Level Political Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals.



Resolution Number: 2022-A020
Title: Encourage Support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention express continued support for the ways in which the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have become the cornerstone of development policy and action of the Episcopal Church's institutions, agencies, dioceses, and congregations and provided a framework for approaching the Church's call to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all parishes, dioceses, and jurisdictions to support the UN's Decade of Action (2020-30) to achieve the SDGs by (1) educating themselves about the SDGs using United Nations, Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church resources; (2) developing their own educational resources to translate the core Christian values and imperatives of the SDGs in ways that can be easily grasped, shared, and put into action; (3) undertaking self-audits to assess how their existing mission work and ministries already address the SDGs; and (4) sharing stories about how they are working toward the SDGs and furthering the work that Jesus calls all of us to do; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend and acknowledge Episcopalians who are already working towards the SDGs, including the Episcopal presence at the annual UN High-Level Political Forum on the SDGs and Episcopal Relief & Development which continues to educate the Church about the SDGs and work toward the SDGs through its programs and priorities.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 543.



Resolution Number: 2018-B026
Title: Endorse the UN Sustainable Development Goals as the Basis for Policy and Action
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church embrace the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as the successor to the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sustainable Development Goals become the basis of development policy and action of the Episcopal Church in its institutions, dioceses, and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That 0.7% of the budget for the Episcopal Church adopted at the 79th General Convention be devoted to development projects shaped by the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals, during the triennium 2019 – 2021.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 1056.