

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A161
Title: The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States
Proposer: Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora
Topic: Ecumenism

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-A004 Extend Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora
2018-D024 Urge Continued Support for the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and South Sudan to
 Strengthen Peace
2018-D088 Create a Task Force on the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

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 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](#).

A161 - The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

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: 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 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church gives thanks for the work of the Task Force on developing conversation with The Episcopal Church and the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States; And be it further,

Resolved, that we welcome South Sudanese American Episcopalians as our siblings in Christ, baptized members of the one Body of Christ that is the Church, and as such are also a unique cultural expression of The Episcopal Church within the United States' society. In turn, we appreciate that the South Sudanese American Episcopalians and their worshipping congregations acknowledge The Episcopal Church as the historic expression of Anglicanism in the United States; And be it further

Resolved, that we acknowledge the creation of the South Sudanese Leadership Steering Group as an established Convocation in relation with the Presiding Bishop's Missioner for African Descent Ministries; And be it further

Resolved, that we encourage the ministry of the Missioner for African Descent Ministries in coordinating and working with leaders self-selected by the South Sudanese Americans to establish and achieve mutually beneficial goals and actions. And be it further

Resolved, that we encourage bishops and diocese of The Episcopal Church to welcome and assist South Sudanese-American Episcopal worshipping communities to develop and become established by admission into union with diocesan conventions; And be it further

Resolved, that, when appropriate, The Episcopal Church receives clergy among the South Sudanese-American Episcopal communities into good standing and canonical residence in its dioceses, accepting that the South Sudanese American clergy will ascribe to and follow the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the dioceses in which they are located, and will give assent to the disciplines laid upon all clergy of The Episcopal Church (DFMS).

Explanation



Resolution Number: 2022-A004
Title: Extend Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican
Diaspora
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention extend the work of the Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora for the coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 81st General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 834.



Resolution Number: 2018-D024
Title: Urge Continued Support for the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and South Sudan to Strengthen Peace
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention gratefully acknowledge and commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and their Primates to form partnerships that strengthen their efforts to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church observe with special prayers, awareness, and support of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan (May 16th); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist their efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations to continue its advocacy with the United States Government for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 492.



Resolution Number: 2018-D088
Title: Create a Task Force on the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop to appoint a task force of two bishops, two clergy, and two lay persons to establish an official conversation for the purpose of developing a statement of understanding of the relationship with the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora living in this country and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$15,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 671.