

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A012
TITLE: On the Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships for the Stewardship of Creation
PROPOSER: Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
TOPIC: Ecumenism

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-A035 Reaffirm Commitment to Interreligious Engagement

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

2006-B002 Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming
2006-C018 Recognize Global Warming and Reaffirm Church's Environmental Responsibility

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation](#), see page 587.

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A012 On the Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships for the Stewardship of Creation

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention commend the importance of ecumenism in addressing issues of climate change and environmental racism; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention acknowledge and commend the work of the diverse ecumenical and interfaith groups seeking to steward Creation; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That as disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things cohere, commends our communion partners to recognize our unique opportunity to speak and act on behalf of God's Creation together; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Office of Ecumenical Relations shall include the Stewardship of Creation as a priority item for dialogue and action in the Church's ecumenical relationships; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church seek to continue our robust heritage of interfaith partnership as an essential aspect of our gospel witness; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the Church commend provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, dioceses, individual parishes, clergy and lay people to steward creation as neighbors and partners with ecumenical and interfaith organizations.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2012-A035
Title: Reaffirm Commitment to Interreligious Engagement
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention reaffirm the commitment of The Episcopal Church to engage in interreligious relations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Statement on Interreligious Relations, Resolution 2009-A074, approved by the 76th General Convention to all dioceses, seminaries, congregations, and other organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That all members of the Church be encouraged to be involved actively and appropriately on every possible level in interreligious work such as, but not limited to, services, prayer groups, educational programs, community service, and study groups; and be it further

Resolved, That diocesan ecumenical and interreligious officers gather and report the interreligious activities in their respective dioceses to the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, which will then report these findings to the 78th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 413.