

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A013  
**TITLE:** Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation  
**PROPOSER:** Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation  
**TOPIC:** Budget

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2009-D014      Direct Dioceses to Educate on Public Environmental Decisions  
1991-A195      Affirm Environmental Responsibility and an Environmental Stewardship Team

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

1979-D029      Give Priority to Educating Congregations on Energy and the Environment

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation](#), see pages 587-588.

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, 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 at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*

# A013 Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation

<b>Proposer</b>	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
<b>Endorsed by</b>	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
<b>Sponsored by</b>	
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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Presiding Officers' call to the Church to recognize Care of Creation as an integral part of The Jesus Movement; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention establish the role of Officer for the Stewardship of Creation as a member of the Presiding Bishop's staff to directly support the work of The Episcopal Church in issues of Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That this role shall be responsible to serve as a resource person for the Church, a liaison between parishes and Episcopal institutions with their many creation care initiatives, network developer for sharing best practices, contact person for the denomination, partners and parishes, ambassador between evangelism, racial justice and stewardship of creation, and advocate for funding, visibility and action; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, that the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate \$390,000 for the cost of this position for the 2019-2021 triennium.

## EXPLANATION

No explanation.



**Resolution Number:** 2009-D014  
**Title:** Direct Dioceses to Educate on Public Environmental Decisions  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 76th General Convention support an environmentally just treatment of all in God's Creation; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention through the Executive Council direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to educate our congregations about public environmental decisions that adversely affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable in our society, especially children, indigenous peoples and communities of people of color; and be it further*

*Resolved, That Diocesan Commissions or Committees encourage each congregation to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education of their members and to encourage environmentally just actions.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), pp. 195-196.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-A195  
**Title:** Affirm Environmental Responsibility and an Environmental Stewardship Team  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 70th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, affirming our responsibility for the earth in trust for this and future generations:*

**Declares that Christian Stewardship of God's created environment, in harmony with our respect for human dignity, requires response from the Church of the highest urgency;**

**Calls on all citizens of the world, and Episcopalians in particular, to live their lives as good stewards with responsible concern for the sustainability of the environment and with appreciation for the global interdependence of human life and the natural worlds; and**

**Urges all Episcopalians to reflect on their personal and corporate habits in the use of God's creation; to share with one another ideas for new responses; and to act as individuals, congregations, dioceses, and provinces of the Episcopal Church in ways that protect and heal all interdependent parts of creation. Such action should include prayerful theological discernment and factual knowledge. It should also consider global and local links and the balance of environmental integrity with economic sufficiency for human living;**

*and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Episcopal Church, acknowledging the sovereignty of God and God's call to us in the servanthood of Christ, continue to engage environmental issues, passionately caring for the earth and striving to live into the promises and mandates which are ours as stewards of creation; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Convention calls upon the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint an interdisciplinary, multicultural Environmental Stewardship Team, 14 members, representing each Province and a broad spectrum of Church membership, whose gifts and expertise are suitable to the task. The mission of the Environmental Stewardship Team is to educate, motivate and facilitate congregations, dioceses and provinces toward local and regional plans, advocacy and action. The Team will work with other environmental groups of common interest; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 70th General Convention includes in the Program Budget an appropriation of \$100,000 per year during the 1992-1994 triennium to carry out the work of the Team; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Environmental Stewardship Team report regularly to Executive Council during the triennium and to the 71st General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 70th General Convention requests the Presiding Bishop to communicate immediately and directly to all Episcopalians, the scope and urgency of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 317.