

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A019
TITLE: Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism,
Church Planting and Care of Creation
PROPOSER: Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
TOPIC: Environment

Directly Related: (Attached)

2006-A042 Establish a Church Planting Initiative
1997-A145 On the Topic of a Study of Ecological Concerns and Stewardship (Rejected)

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

2012-D023 Affirm Episcopalians as Evangelists to Grow the Church
2009-A067 Develop a Strategy with Covenant Partners for Starting New Congregations

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation](#), see pages 590-591.

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.

A019 Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint a Task Force to study and report on the intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting, and Care of Creation; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the Task Force shall be made up of no fewer than six (6) and no more than twelve (12) individuals and shall include representation from mission enterprise zone developers, church planters, local evangelists and creation care advocates, Executive Council members, and members of the Presiding Bishop's Staff; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Task Force shall determine how many of the new ministries begun with funding from The Episcopal Church since two thousand (2000) integrate the care of Creation as a core component of ministry. The Task Force shall interview these ministry founders and core team, and shall make an assessment regarding the opportunities, challenges, and blessings of this intersection of ministry. In particular, the Task Force shall make an assessment as to whether and how these methods of ministry are effective in engaging younger generations, defined as individuals and households under forty (40) years of age; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate \$100,000 for this work in the current triennium.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2006-A042
Title: Establish a Church Planting Initiative
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention establish a Church Planting Initiative to raise funds for new congregations in the dioceses of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention call every diocese of this Church to identify and document with projected costs and demographics including racial, ethnic, generational, and socioeconomic makeup of the targeted areas, prime opportunities for the development of new congregations including new college campus missions, and communicate this list of opportunities to the Office of Congregational Development by June 30, 2007; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development be directed to assemble these reports by December 30, 2007, and convey to Executive Council, in its regular report a comprehensive list of opportunities for new church and campus ministry development and projected costs, and to communicate this list through electronic and print media to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That upon receipt of the comprehensive report for New Church Development the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council implement a major gifts campaign to fund the Church Planting Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Congregational Development in cooperation with the Ethnic Ministries offices, especially the Hispanic Ministries Office, lead and support the Church Planting Initiative by: keeping the church abreast of best practices for church, campus mission and ministry planting; raising awareness of opportunities for starting new congregations, campus mission and ministries throughout the church; assisting individual dioceses in planning and developing a vision and a plan for this Initiative; developing tools for assessing candidates for new church development; and recommending matching grants for church planting; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be a financial partner with dioceses by providing matching grants to dioceses for church planting; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider the Church Planting Initiative budget for development staff to identify and nurture new sources of revenue in the grants, gifts, endowments and/or capital fund drives be increased from \$75,000 to \$475,000 during each year of the 2007–2009 triennium.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 655-656.



Resolution Number: 1997-A145
Title: On the Topic of a Study of Ecological Concerns and Stewardship
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a study be undertaken by the Stewardship and Evangelism Officers of the Episcopal Church to ascertain if membership and giving increase when a congregation incorporates active ecological concern into its program and we request funding of \$8,400 be provided for this study.