GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A030

TITLE: Small Evangelism Grants

PROPOSER: Executive Council

TOPIC: Evangelism

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-D009 Create a Congregational Revitalization Network
1994-D110 Authorize the Establishment of the Plant-A-Church Fund for Evangelism

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

2015-A012 Continue Diocesan Mission Enterprise Zones
2015-D005 Create a Church-wide Network for Planting Churches
2012-D023 Affirm Episcopalians as Evangelists to Grow the Church
2009-A065 Identify and Support Church Evangelists
2006-A042 Establish a Church Planting Initiative
1997-D050 Prepare Resources for Evangelical Preaching Missions in Each Diocese

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) *Report to General Convention*, Executive Council, see page 121.

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.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council to implement small grants program to encourage local parish and diocesan evangelism efforts; and be it further

2 *Resolved,* That the sum of $100,000 shall be allocated for this grant program.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.

Resolution Number: 2015-D009

Title: Create a Congregational Revitalization Network

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, **That the 78th General Convention shall promote the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network;** and be it further

Resolved, **That a churchwide staff position be created to facilitate the creation of this network, coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders, and encourage collaboration between existing revitalization ministries;** and be it further

Resolved, **That regional coaches with practical revitalization experience be identified and trained in congregational revitalization, who shall be available to congregations in varying parts of the church to consult with them on revitalization efforts;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the staff leader and the coaches shall provide training opportunities for congregational clergy and lay leaders in order to help them re-vision their purpose, use of space, outreach to their communities, evangelism efforts, and new ways of proclaiming the gospel of Christ;** and be it further

Resolved, **That a Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund be created to fund grants to existing congregations, with special attention given to congregations reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church;** and be it further

Resolved, **That Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund grants shall be administered by a grants committee established for that purpose by Executive Council in consultation with the staff leader;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Development Office be directed to make raising $300,000 for the Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund one of its priorities in the 2016-18 triennium;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance be requested to consider an allocation of $700,000 for the 2016-18 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 315-316.

Resolution Number: 1994-D110

Title: Authorize the Establishment of the Plant-A-Church Fund for Evangelism

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, **That this General Convention approve the establishment of the Plant-A-Church Fund for the purpose of making grants to plant new congregations;** and be it further
Resolved, **That this General Convention approve funding in the amount of $30,000 a year for the fund for the 1995-1997 triennium, subject to funding in the budget;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society establish a mechanism by which gifts to the fund might be received;** and be it further
Resolved, **That this fund be administered by the Evangelism Officer of the National Church;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the criteria for grants from the fund be established by the Standing Commission on Evangelism;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the Standing Commission on Evangelism seek additional sources of money for Plant-A-Church Fund;** and be it further
Resolved, **That the Standing Commission on Evangelism study methods of Church planting used by other denominations and by dioceses within our own church and report to the 72nd General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 828.