

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A031
TITLE: Fund a full time Evangelism Staff Officer
PROPOSER: Executive Council
TOPIC: Budget

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A087 On the Topic of Creating a Task Force on Evangelism (Rejected)
2012-D023 Affirm Episcopalians as Evangelists to Grow the Church

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

2006-A037 Reaffirm Commitment to Congregational Health and Evangelism
1997-B029 Acknowledge Failure and Reclaim the Mission of Evangelism
1997-D050 Prepare Resources for Evangelical Preaching Missions in Each Diocese
1991-A059 Reaffirm Definition of and Commitment to Evangelism

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 direct funding of a full-time Staff Officer for Evangelism to serve on the Presiding Bishop's staff.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2015-A087
Title: On the Topic of Creating a Task Force on Evangelism
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to create a Task Force on Evangelism to design and develop an Evangelism Resource to support dioceses, local congregations, Mission Enterprise Zone initiatives, and wider church needs as they participate in evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That evangelism resources that have already been developed be collected by the Task Force for Evangelism for possible inclusion in the resource; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to utilize the Evangelism Resource to identify, train, equip, and license lay evangelists in accordance with Canon III.4.9; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force for Evangelism develop a survey instrument to evaluate each diocese's efforts and results annually during the triennium; 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 \$100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.



Resolution Number: 2012-D023
Title: Affirm Episcopalians as Evangelists to Grow the Church
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention see the decline in membership as a call to action; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm that through the baptismal covenant, the five marks of mission, and membership in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, all Episcopalians are called to be evangelists who help grow the church and the Kingdom of God; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention give thanks for the work of the Office of Congregational Vitality and the Office of Emergent Church and Church Planting and increase their budget allocations with the goal of growing membership.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 325.