

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A037  
**TITLE:** Encourage Interfaith Engagement  
**PROPOSER:** Executive Council  
**TOPIC:** Interfaith Dialogue

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2015-A018 Encourage Church-wide Engagement in Interfaith Competency  
2012-A035 Reaffirm Commitment to Interreligious Engagement

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

2009-A074 Adopt a Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations  
2003-A090 Reaffirm Christian-Muslim Dialogue  
1997-D055 Reaffirm Interfaith Dialogue and Acknowledge Prejudice Against Jews  
1979-A044 Initiate a Study on Episcopal-Jewish Relations  
1979-D133 Devise a Means for the Church to Initiate Conversations With Islam

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Executive Council](#), see page 123.

*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.*

# A037 Encourage Interfaith Engagement

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms the work being done on behalf of interfaith engagement by the Episcopal Church at all levels in the life of the Church. We particularly cite the deepening of the Christian Jewish and Christian Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others.

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## EXPLANATION

No explanation.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-A018  
**Title:** Encourage Church-wide Engagement in Interfaith Competency  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and provinces to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the "Statement on Interreligious Relations" and enact programs and ministries that implement its principles using a variety of resources, starting with "Towards our Mutual Flourishing" and such other resources as dioceses and provinces may find useful; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage dioceses and provinces to include an interreligious component in their Christian formation programs for the laity such as Christian education for children, youth and adults, curricula in Episcopal schools, confirmation curricula, Lenten study programs, and forums for their wider communities; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge that for clergy development, dioceses and provinces include interreligious competency in continuing education programs, Commissions on Ministry's formation requirements, clergy days and retreats, and other clergy gatherings; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly encourage Diocesan Bishops to appoint and Diocesan Conventions to authorize the financial support of a [Episcopal] Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer (EDEIO) who will be responsible for insuring engagement with the Statement on Interreligious Relations and the development of programs to increase interreligious literacy and engagement.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 683.



**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.