

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A038
TITLE: Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat
PROPOSER: Executive Council
TOPIC: Anglican Communion

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A019 Affirm an Ongoing Commitment to the Anglican Communion
2012-D008 Reaffirm Commitment to and Participation in the Anglican Communion
2009-D025 Reaffirm Participation in the Anglican Communion and Acknowledge Differences
2006-A159 Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
2000-C009 Celebrate the Anglican Communion and Affirm Understanding of Authority

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

2015-A069 Affirm Participation in International Anglican Liturgical Consultation
1976-A101 Reaffirm Commitment to Financial Arrangements With Other Anglican Churches

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.

A038 Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That through our funding and active participation, this Church continues to bear witness to this Church's ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat (Anglican Communion Office).

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2015-A019
Title: Affirm an Ongoing Commitment to the Anglican Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our common identity and membership in the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to express our appreciation to the 16th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC16, Lusaka 2016) for the gift of Inter-Anglican conversation and partnership in God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm its ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat through our funding and active participation.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 432.



Resolution Number: 2012-D008
Title: Reaffirm Commitment to and Participation in the Anglican Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That The 77th General Convention express its profound gratitude to those who so faithfully work at encouraging dialogue within the diversity of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the great blessing of the Anglican Communion in its diversity within community as autonomous churches in relationship bound together in our differences in service to God's mission; and be it further

Resolved, That we hold fast and reaffirm our historic commitment to and constituent membership in the Anglican Communion as expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion committing itself to continued participation in the wider councils of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church deepen its involvement with Communion ministries and networks using where applicable the Continuing Indaba process: conversations across differences to strengthen relationships in God's mission (<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/continuingindaba> and www.continuingindaba.com); and be it further

Resolved, That The 77th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and individual members of The Episcopal Church to educate themselves about the Communion as well as promote and support the Anglican Communion and its work.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 241.



Resolution Number: 2009-D025
Title: Reaffirm Participation in the Anglican Communion and Acknowledge Differences
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church as a constituent member of the Anglican Communion; give thanks for the work of the bishops at the Lambeth Conference of 2008; reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to participate to the fullest extent possible in the many instruments, networks and relationships of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm its financial commitment to the Anglican Communion and pledge to participate fully in the Inter-Anglican Budget; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the value of “listening to the experience of homosexual persons,” as called for by the Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998, and acknowledge that through our own listening the General Convention has come to recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships “characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God” (2000-D039); and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that gay and lesbian persons who are part of such relationships have responded to God’s call and have exercised various ministries in and on behalf of God’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and are currently doing so in our midst; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm that God has called and may call such individuals to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, and that God’s call to the ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church is a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people through our discernment processes acting in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge that members of The Episcopal Church as of the Anglican Communion, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, and in light of tradition and reason, are not of one mind, and Christians of good conscience disagree about some of these matters.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), pp. 627-628.



Resolution Number: 2006-A159
Title: Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm that The Episcopal Church is in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention join with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council in making a commitment to the vision of interdependent life in Christ, characterized by forbearance, trust, and respect, and commend the Windsor Report and process as a means of deepening our understanding of that commitment; and be it further

Resolved, That as an expression of interdependence, the Presiding offices of both Houses work in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion to explore ways by which there might be inter-Anglican consultation and participation on Standing Commissions of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 338.



Resolution Number: 2000-C009
Title: Celebrate the Anglican Communion and Affirm Understanding of Authority
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church celebrate the diversity of cultures and races of the member churches of the Anglican Communion; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention note that the breadth of cultural differences in the Communion today is both a gift and a challenge to understandings of authority in our communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention affirm the Anglican experience of shared provincial authority as an authority shared among lay, clerical, and episcopal orders as well as among the many and diverse churches of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention commend the Episcopal Church's ongoing participation in the variety of ways Anglicans come together as the Body of Christ including, but not limited to, diocesan and national conventions, the Anglican Consultative Council, Lambeth Conferences, the Primates Meeting, Anglican Congresses, and official and unofficial networks; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention encourage the continuing evolution of conciliar modes of discernment in the practice of an authority that relies upon scripture, tradition, and reason as the basis for our discernment of God's will in our lives.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 257.