

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A058
TITLE: Encourage Use of Asset Map
PROPOSER: House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
TOPIC: Justice

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A096 Affirm Relationships in Approaches to Social Justice Ministry
2015-A173 Promote Evangelism Resources and an Action Plan

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

2012-A010 Document Changes in the Church, Its Outreach Ministries, and Those Served
1997-A085 Urge Dioceses to Prepare Strategies for Congregational Development
1997-A140 Call on Congregations to Give Resources to the Care of Their Neighbors
1985-A139 Develop Resources to Assist Congregations in Social and Community Outreach

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church](#), see page 569.

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 79th General Convention challenge all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies State of the Church Committee analyze the Episcopal Asset Map and report on the level of engagement of social justice ministries by congregations within The Episcopal Church.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2015-A096
Title: Affirm Relationships in Approaches to Social Justice Ministry
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the many justice ministries of service and advocacy throughout The Episcopal Church, ministries that are grounded in the Baptismal Covenant and that were initiated by General Conventions, dioceses, congregations, and other Episcopal organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the use of various methods to discern, develop, and sustain justice ministries, such as Asset-Based Community Development, needs surveys, and community organizing; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm and encourage the formation of partnerships between congregations and well-established community organizing groups in their local contexts in order to be trained in the practice of community organizing and sustained by those partnerships that they may do justice ministry more effectively and efficiently; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that one of the greatest challenges of our time and culture is the widening gap between the rich and the poor, the sin of economic injustice that pervades our society; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention challenge all Episcopalians to hear in a bold way the call of both Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi to befriend and be with the poor, and that we come to know that the future vitality of The Episcopal Church is grounded in our mutually affirming relationships with our brothers and sisters who are poor; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations to establish relationship-based, social-justice ministries through which relationships are developed between those who serve and those who are served, resulting in shared and transformational experiences and in a greater commitment to work for justice on all sides of the socio-economic divide; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage churches and dioceses to discover and partner with local experts such as Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), Direct Action and Research Training (DART), Gamaliel Foundation, Asset Based Community Development, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), and other local formulations of interfaith or cross cultural organizations that use relationships to structure their transformative work; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention ask Episcopal groups that are participating in relationship-based social justice to share their experiences with the broader Church through social media, the internet, and official communication channels, so that other groups can learn from their successes, challenges, and insights.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 368-369.



Resolution Number: 2015-A173
Title: Promote Evangelism Resources and an Action Plan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention shall promote the gathering and sharing of evangelism resources for the purpose of energizing the Church to boldly and fearlessly share the Good News of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That Forward Movement, in collaboration with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, shall convene by December 31, 2016 an Evangelism Summit, a gathering of leaders from across The Episcopal Church who are engaged in the work of evangelism, both in training and equipping; and be it further

Resolved, That the Summit shall identify existing evangelism resources, gaps and challenges. The purpose is to develop an evangelism road map: to propel the church beyond its walls, to spread the Gospel, proclaim the Kingdom, and to share the love of God in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That these evangelism resources including a plan of action be shared no more than six months following the conclusion of the Summit with the wider Episcopal Church by the attendees of the Summit within their networks, such as the Episcopal Asset Map (episcopalassetmap.org), and in other ways; and be it further

Resolved, That Forward Movement collaborate with the Development Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to fund this work through grants and contributions for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God's People.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 370.