

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-B029
TITLE: Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries
PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr.
TOPIC: Budget

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A096 Affirm Relationships in Approaches to Social Justice Ministry
2012-D063 Continue Providing Diocesan Jubilee Officer Training
2012-D094 Affirm Thirty Years of Jubilee Ministry
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2003-A015 Reaffirm and Commend Jubilee Ministry to the Whole Church
1994-A082 Reaffirm the Model of Jubilee Ministry
1991-A124 Reaffirm and Fund the Program of Jubilee Ministry
1985-A104 Renew Commitment to Jubilee Ministry
1985-A106 Request That Each Diocese Appoint a Jubilee Officer

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B029 Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the Jubilee Ministry Program established by the 67th General Convention as a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, whenever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society as an incarnational expression of the core mission of the church; and be it further
- Resolved*, That training be provided to center staff and Diocesan Jubilee Officers (DJOs) in the biblical roots of the Jubilee movement and how to connect with the Jesus Movement work of racial reconciliation and economic and environmental justice work; and be if further
- Resolved*, That the Executive Council recognize the Jubilee Ministries as the most effective “outreach arm” of the Church and continue designations of Jubilee Centers in a timely and scheduled manner; and be it further
- Resolved*, That Jubilee Centers enhance the work by engaging the Asset Map, Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), the Jesus Movement and offering their ministries as models for others; and be it further,
- Resolved*, That Program, Budget and Finance be directed to allocate \$60,000 to support staffing, and nurturing and expanding the network of DJOs and the network of Jubilee Centers.

EXPLANATION

Due to no fault of current administrative staff, a once vital network of over 600 Jubilee Ministry Centers supported by a network of Jubilee Ministry Officers and church center staff has been allowed to atrophy. Funding is available for grants but staff support is inadequately funded. The processes of appointing DJOs and certifying new centers are not working. Communications with and among centers and with and among DJOs need to be strengthened. This work should be seen as part of the formation work involved in the Jesus Movement. Jubilee is in the forefront of the movement in the Episcopal Church to alleviate poverty. The vision of the current administration to integrate it with other efforts such as the Poor People’s Campaign and justice work should be encouraged.



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: 2012-D063
Title: Continue Providing Diocesan Jubilee Officer Training
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention reaffirm its historic commitment to the network of Jubilee Ministries and Diocesan Jubilee Officers; and be it further

Resolved, That since the education and formation of Diocesan Jubilee Officers is critical to the ongoing work of the network, the church calls upon the Office of Social and Economic Justice to continue to provide annual training events in collaboration with the Diocesan Jubilee Officers for the sake of strengthening its growing diocesan networks of Jubilee Ministries.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 710.



Resolution Number: 2012-D094
Title: Affirm Thirty Years of Jubilee Ministry
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That in gratitude for its witness to the 1982 General Convention mandate for a “ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society,” the 77th General Convention celebrates 30 years of Jubilee Ministry and the ministries of its 652 Jubilee Centers and 72 Diocesan Jubilee Officers currently recognized by the Executive Council and Diocesan Bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That the Marks of Mission calling for the Church to “respond to human need by loving service” and “to seek to transform unjust structures of society” are being faithfully served by these ministries as they fulfill the mandate of Jubilee Ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That Jubilee Ministry be affirmed as a vital expression of the type of relational ministry that is being called forth from local congregations of the Church today as they seek to reconcile all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 712.



Resolution Number: 1997-A043
Title: Allocate Adequate Funds to Support Jubilee Centers
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 72nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church allocate adequate funding for staff, support, supplies, and technical assistance to maintain and nurture the ever-increasing number of Jubilee Centers nationwide.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 87.