

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** C032

**TITLE:** Against Human Trafficking

**PROPOSER:** Province II

**TOPIC:** Human Rights

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2012-D042 Fight Human Trafficking

2009-A167 Support Actions to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

2003-D034 Condemn Sex Trafficking

2000-A057 Support Efforts to Stop Trafficking of Women, Girls, and Boys

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

2003-A025 Fund Resource Materials on Trafficking in Women and Children

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

2018 [The Code](#)

*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 consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at <http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/>.

## EXPLANATION

The travel and tourism industry is uniquely positioned to address child sex trafficking. For example, 45% of children trafficked for sex in New York City are exploited in hotels (Ric Curtis et al., "The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in New York City," The Center for Court Innovation, NYC, 2008). Members of this industry that endorse The Code agree to: 1. Establish a policy and

procedures against child sexual exploitation. 2. Train employees in children's rights, the prevention of sexual exploitation and how to report suspected cases. 3. Include a clause in contracts throughout the value chain stating a common repudiation and zero tolerance policy of child sexual exploitation. 4. Provide information to travelers on children's rights, the prevention of child sexual exploitation and how to report suspected cases. 5. Support, collaborate, and engage stakeholders in the prevention of child sexual exploitation. 6. Report annually on their implementation of Code related activities. Nearly 1,300 companies have signed The Code, including Delta Airlines, Hilton Worldwide, and Uber Technologies Inc.

Supporting The Code when arranging meetings and travel to meetings would allow The Episcopal Church to continue its tradition of using its economic power to stand for justice and supporting the human rights of children.



**Resolution Number:** 2012-D042

**Title:** Fight Human Trafficking

**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended

**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the 77th General Convention re-commit to protecting victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, by continuing to support legislation and action oriented to recovery and reintegration of trafficking victims into society; and be it further

*Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church commend the work of Anglican Women's Empowerment and the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women in addressing human trafficking as a national and international priority and recommends all dioceses utilize the resources of these two organizations to provide education on this insidious form of modern day slavery; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the provinces of The Episcopal Church appoint a person from each province who will coordinate with the Commission on the Status of Women, or another appropriate committee of Executive Council to allow sharing of additional vital resources on human trafficking; and be it further

*Resolved*, That each province of The Episcopal Church begin a dialogue with another province to recognize how both domestic and international trafficking affects the peoples of their provinces.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 170.



**Resolution Number:** 2009-A167

**Title:** Support Actions to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended

**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological and social needs, and using approaches that respect victims' rights and integrity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention urges its members to support legislation and action oriented to the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking. These efforts should provide a safe, dignified and sustainable way for victims of trafficking to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention commends the work of the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, as well as the Roman Catholic Women Religious in addressing human trafficking as a national and international priority and recommends that all Episcopal dioceses collaborate with all faith groups and with the Anglican Communion through the International Anglican Women's Network to provide extensive education to expose and eradicate this insidious undercover modern day slavery; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the United States Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, in its mission to bring the issue of human trafficking to international attention and to support those vulnerable to economic exploitation, most especially women and children; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all congregations and dioceses are urged to observe an Human Trafficking Awareness Day, in their liturgical, congregational and diocesan lives.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 355.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-D034

**Title:** Condemn Sex Trafficking

**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended

**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the 74th General Convention condemn domestic and international trafficking in all persons for sexual purposes as an affront to human dignity and human rights; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Executive Council request the appropriate Standing Committee to set up national and international plans of action for The Episcopal Church to prepare an educational campaign for parishes and dioceses on the topic of sex trafficking, and to prepare a model for a church initiative bringing together faith-based people with nongovernmental organizations, government, and law enforcement officials to create a victim-centered approach to anti-sex trafficking operations, finding ways to meet the medical, psychological, legal, and spiritual needs of persons who have been brought out of these horrendous circumstances; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this resolution be sent to every Province in the Anglican Communion.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 330.



**Resolution Number:** 2000-A057

**Title:** Support Efforts to Stop Trafficking of Women, Girls, and Boys

**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended

**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention recommend that every diocese bring to the attention of its members the domestic and international problem of trafficking in women, girls, and boys; and be it further***

***Resolved, That the Convention commend the ongoing work of the Executive Council's Committee for the Status of Women in developing educational materials to be used by congregations and dioceses; and be it further***

***Resolved, That the Convention support non-violent efforts to stop this abuse, to protect the victims, and prosecute the perpetrators of this injustice.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 198.