

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-C061
TITLE: Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children
PROPOSER: Newark
TOPIC: Justice

Directly Related: (Attached)

2009-A167 Support Actions to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

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

2012-D042 Fight Human Trafficking
2003-A025 Fund Resource Materials on Trafficking in Women and Children
2003-D034 Condemn Sex Trafficking
2000-A057 Support Efforts to Stop Trafficking of Women, Girls, and Boys

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.

C061 Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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
- 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
- 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 arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage 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
- Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code.

EXPLANATION

The Code can be found at <http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/>

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 many hotel chains and airlines. By becoming knowledgeable about The Code, and encouraging agencies to support it, we continue to shed light on trafficking, and to encourage a public response against it.

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: 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.