

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D022
TITLE: Reinstatement Women's Desk
PROPOSER: The Rev. Dr. Helen Svoboda-Barber
TOPIC: Women

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A032 Establish a Women's Ministries Staff Position
2009-D067 Adopt the Triennial Budget for The Episcopal Church (see Legislative history for rejected amendment)
2000-C040 On the Topic of Continuing a Principal Office for Women's Ministries (Rejected)

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

2006-A139 Celebrate Women in Ministry
1985-C023 Eradicate Institutional Sexism and Pursue Affirmative Action

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.

D022 Reinstate Women's Desk

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That a position for women’s ministries and networks be established and staffed, either by an independent contractor or an employee under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, no later than June 1, 2019; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the person in the position be empowered to serve as a network catalyst to existing movements and programs across the Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of at least \$390,000 for the triennium, consisting of \$100,000 per year allocated for the salary and benefits for a full time director position and \$30,000 per year for programs associated with the work of this position to create a self-sustaining model for a vibrant network of women’s ministries across the Church.

EXPLANATION

The 78th General Convention passed C2015-A032 Reinstate Women’s Desk. It was not acted upon by Executive Committee during this triennium. Because of the continued gender bias in The Episcopal Church (see annual Church Compensation Reports from the Church Pension Fund), this staff position is a reasonable step towards greater gender equality.



Resolution Number: 2015-A032
Title: Establish a Women's Ministries Staff Position
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish an independent contract employee or staff position for women's ministries and networks in the amount of \$150,000 for the triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this person be empowered to serve as a network catalyst to existing movements and programs across the Church, mobilizing women leaders, both lay and ordained; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to make available sufficient budgetary monies to the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women to provide additional seed money to be used to create a self-sustaining model for a vibrant network of women's ministries across the Church.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 414.



Resolution Number: 2000-C040
Title: On the Topic of Continuing a Principal Office for Women's Ministries
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 73rd General Convention approve the continuation of a separate staffed office to provide the resources and central focus for all women.