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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief and Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with ECSS and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That General Convention strongly urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the ECSS and the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) to form partnerships that strengthen the efforts of the ECSS and ECS to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist ECSS and ECS efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations to continue its advocacy for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur, including by means of arms embargoes, trade sanctions, the criminal prosecution and the freezing of assets of war criminals, human rights violators, and political leaders who have looted the treasuries of their governments, and provision of adequately trained, equipped, and disciplined peace-keeping military forces to protect civilians and separate contending forces.

EXPLANATION

No explanation.



Resolution Number: 2015-B018
Title: Commend Efforts for Peace in Sudan and South Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC), mindful of resolutions D-007 from 2009 and A-019 from 2012; Joyfully celebrate the vitality and growth of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan and Sudan and give thanks for the Church's efforts to bring about justice and peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention heartily commend the Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan (ECSSS) for its steadfast efforts to end the civil war which broke out in South Sudan in December 2013, and to help resolve older and continuing conflicts in the border areas of Abyei, and in Darfur, Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains in Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention strongly urge TEC dioceses and parishes to consider prayer partnerships and joint work with bishops, dioceses, and church organizations in ECSSS to support them to reduce and resolve the current conflicts, help refugees, hold war criminals accountable, and improve people's living conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop, in cooperation with other denominations and other provinces of the Anglican Communion to set aside several weeks in 2016 for prayer for peace in South Sudan and Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the offices and agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to utilize all measures at their disposal to advocate for the protection of refugees, conflict resolution and sustainable development in South Sudan and Sudan with appropriate governmental and international agencies and offices.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 788.



Resolution Number: 2012-A019
Title: Continue Advocacy and Efforts for Peace in Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention calls for continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peaceful resolution of the conflict in Abyei along the unsettled border between Sudan and South Sudan, and in the Blue Nile South Kordofan, and Darfur regions of Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention expresses sincere gratitude to the Episcopal Church in the Sudan for its continued leadership toward the goal of a just peace in the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention heartily commends Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak for his leadership and substantial personal involvement in repeatedly mediating and stopping interethnic conflicts in Jonglei and elsewhere in South Sudan, as well as ECS' continued efforts to promote peaceful conflict resolution of ethnic and other disputes in South Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urges the United States government continue its strong support of international efforts for full implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between the Sudan and South Sudan, transparency in accounting for oil revenues, and normalization of relations between the two countries, including issues of trade, immigration, citizenship, and protection of the rights of religious minorities in both countries, including Christians in Sudan, to practice their faith without official interference or discrimination.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 183.



Resolution Number: 2012-B007
Title: Commit to Sustaining Sudanese Church in the Episcopal Church
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize the Sudanese Communities gathering in Episcopal churches for Christian worship, learning, and advancement; and that the Church commits herself to welcome and sustain these communities and their individual members in building up the full body of Christ through ministries at the parish, diocesan, and national levels; and that mission churches be planted, where appropriate, to be sustained in part by a national committee of senior Sudanese clergy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 180-181.



Resolution Number: 2012-C075
Title: Commit to Welcoming the Sudanese
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention commit the whole Episcopal Church to welcome and sustain the Sudanese Communities and their individual members in building up the full body of Christ through ministries at the parish and diocesan levels.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 254.



Resolution Number: 2009-A033
Title: Urge Peace with Justice in Southern Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends to Episcopalians the following recommendations of a joint delegation of bishops of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that traveled to the Sudan in April 2008; and urges continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peace with justice in the Sudan, specifically:

- (1) Renewed international commitment to the successful political implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement;**
- (2) Increased and better-coordinated economic-development and investment efforts, both public and private, in Southern Sudan;**
- (3) Internationally coordinated efforts to care for and resettle the several million refugees and persons who have been displaced internally as a consequence of the Sudan's long-running conflicts;**
- (4) Condemnation of all violence perpetrated against refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), specifically including the rape of women and girls in Darfur and elsewhere; and be it further**

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the pleas of the Archbishop of The Episcopal Church of Sudan that urgent action be taken by all concerned parties to ensure the faithful implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to prevent the deteriorating situation in Sudan from escalating into full scale war; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States Government to urgently request that nations who serve as guarantors of the CPA establish measures to hold parties to the CPA accountable for its fair and transparent implementation, including the fair resolution of border disputes, the equitable sharing of resources and the carrying out of safe and fair elections, and to assure that non-compliance have consequences; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States and its international partners request that the United Nations Mission in Sudan continue peacekeeping duties that include monitoring the peace process and intervening in conflicts to prevent loss of life, violence and widespread displacement.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), pp. 367-368.



Resolution Number: 2009-D007
Title: Urge Dioceses to Covenant With the Church of Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following objectives to guide our church's advocacy for peace in Sudan: (a) support for the full and timely implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2005, settling the prior civil war between the north and south, (b) support for increased private investment for economic development in southern Sudan, as now permitted by U.S. law, (c) continued and increased U.S. government development assistance in southern Sudan and other areas affected by war in Sudan, and (d) an early end to hostilities in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan, and assuring full access by humanitarian organizations to assist refugees; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge each diocese in The Episcopal Church (TEC) to consider, after careful consultation, entry into a Companion Diocese Relationship or other covenant-based link relationship with a diocese in The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) or with an ECS-approved Bible translation project, as a means (a) to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in both the TEC and ECS, and (b) to further the cause of peace in Sudan. Each TEC diocese is requested to report the results of such consideration by July 1, 2010 to the Executive Council for posting on appropriate TEC websites after review by Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request our Presiding Bishop to designate, after consultation with other interested denominations, a period of several weeks in 2010 as a Season of Prayer for peace in Sudan, where our churches are urged to include prayer for peace in Sudan in each public liturgy, and that such Season of Prayer culminate in a National Day of Prayer for peace in Sudan, including the celebration of relationships by TEC dioceses and churches with the ECS.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 293.



Resolution Number: 2000-A130
Title: Affirm Solidarity with and Support for Persecuted Christians in Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 2000 General Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America continue to affirm its solidarity through prayer and witness with the Episcopal Church of Sudan in support of Christians suffering from the effects of the longest civil war in recent history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge local and national advocacy efforts to raise awareness of people in this Church to the persecution being inflicted upon the people of Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church through its Office of Government Relations urge that the U.S. government assign the highest priority to advancing a just peace in Sudan by applying pressure on the government of Sudan, and working with our allies, especially Egypt, to end the war; and be it further

Resolved, That all Episcopalians are urged to work against the genocide occurring in Sudan, caused by the National Islamic Front, the current ruling regime, and other contributing warring factions' use of food as a weapon, abduction and enslavement of human beings, aerial bombardment of and raids on civilian targets, denial of religious freedom, and other acts of terror and harassment; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians are encouraged to give generously to enable the people of Sudan to rebuild their lives, by providing the means to train people in areas of expertise that will help them to live full, productive lives, allowing women and men equally to have access to small business endeavors; encouraging the gift of medical drugs, medical equipment and human resources; and finally, by supporting the restoration of the educational system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention continue to reaffirm the Episcopal Church's solidarity with all Christians in all places who suffer persecution and all persons, of whatever religion, who suffer persecution by reason of their faith.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 577f.



Resolution Number: 1994-D012
Title: Support Human Rights and Church Relations in Sudan
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 71st General Convention commends the Archbishop of Canterbury for his Christmas 1993 visit to Nimule, Sudan, in which he demonstrated pastoral encouragement of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to urge the U.S. Secretary of State to respond appropriately to the Special Rapporteur's March 1994 report to the U.N. Human Rights Commission of violations of the rights of displaced persons and of defendants in legal proceedings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop request the Secretary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council to inform donor agencies worldwide of our confidence in the New Sudan Council of Churches as a channel for relief assistance of victims of the Sudan civil war; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council be instructed to find means of communication which will stimulate American public awareness of the precarious status of human rights of the people of the Nuba mountains and southern Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council be instructed to encourage the forming of additional Companion Relations between dioceses of this Church and dioceses of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 184-85.