

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D054
TITLE: Expand YASC and EVIM Support
PROPOSER: Ms. Martha Bedell Alexander
TOPIC: Budget

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2015-A013 Support the Work of Global Missions Programs
2015-A112 Support the Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission
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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Anglican and ecumenical mission consensus that incarnational and personal presence is important in global mission alongside funding and program initiatives and that therefore the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society should continue to send missionaries to serve in companionship with others around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, seminaries, and congregations to recruit and support both Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIMs) and Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention increase its commitment to EVIM and YASC programs by increasing the budget to meet the escalating costs of travel and insurance for missionaries and to strengthen the promotion of both programs across the church; and be it further

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Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance increase the Mission Personnel budget by \$250,000 from \$4,740,900 to \$4,990,900 for the 2019-21 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church's global engagement occurs through many avenues, including short-term mission teams, consultations, conferences, funding, and various programs around the world. An historic and continuing commitment of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is to send missionaries to serve for substantial lengths of time (one to three or more years) as invited into mission companionship by provinces and dioceses and other institutions of the Anglican Communion. This resolution has been endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Global Episcopal Mission Network.

Currently there are about 10 persons under age 30 serving in the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) and about 35 Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIM), though the numbers of YASCers tends to vary widely from year to year, with as many as 25 serving in some years. We rejoice in these missionaries, who must raise the majority of their support themselves, with the DFMS providing ancillary support such as travel, health insurance, and participation in the Church Pension Fund.

Overall the number of missionaries supported by the DFMS is relatively small, about one for every two dioceses of the church. Increasing the number of missionaries will intensify the exposure Episcopalians have to the church's global work; deepen awareness of cultural, religious and socio-economic differences around the world; facilitate learning from mission companions in other parts of the world; and enhance the church's engagement with Anglicans who differ with the Episcopal Church on various issues.

Increasing the number of missionaries involves strengthening the awareness of both the EVIM and YASC programs across the Episcopal Church, for many Episcopalians are unaware that the Episcopal Church still sends missionaries. It also involves increasing the funds available for sending and supporting missionaries as costs of travel and insurance continue to increase.

The budget for Mission Personnel for the 2016-18 triennium was \$4,570,812. The proposed budget for 2019-21 increases that figure by 3.7 percent to \$4,740,900. This resolution's proposed addition of \$250,000 would result in a total increase of \$420,088, or 9.1 percent, over the budget for the 2016-18 triennium. The Global Partnerships unit at the Episcopal Church Center would be responsible for allocating the increase among the various budget line items related to EVIM, YASC, training and promotion.

Resolution 112 at the 78th General Convention was similar in intent. It was approved by both houses at the 2015 General Convention, but its proposed funding (different from the present resolution's proposal) was not included in the budget.



Resolution Number: 2015-A013
Title: Support the Work of Global Missions Programs
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirm the growing success of the work of Global Missions, especially the global networks, relationships, and spiritual developments seen in programs like the Young Adult Service Corps and the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention, in showing our continued support to be a mission-based church firmly grounded in the work of global mission, call upon Executive Council to work to increase the opportunities for global mission through such programs as Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, through budgetary means as available so that opportunities for global mission are increased, diversified, and prioritized by the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention call upon every diocese to explore the opportunities for global mission work and encourage as many people as possible to apply for, attend, and complete a mission assignment as made available by these programs.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 791-792.



Resolution Number: 2015-A112
Title: Support the Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, seminaries, and parishes to recruit and support both Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers) and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission members (EVIMs); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention continue its commitment to increasing numbers of YASCers by 10 per year for the triennium 2016-2018, (30 in 2016, 40 in 2017, and 50 in 2018, for a total of 120 for the triennium); and increasing the number of EVIMs by 10 percent each year, for the triennium 2016-2018; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance increase the budget for the Young Adult Service Corps from \$1,100,000 to \$1,800,000, and a 10% increase for the Episcopal Volunteers in Mission, for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 791.



Resolution Number: 2009-A128
Title: Maintain the Church's Commitment to Sending Mission Partners
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church maintain level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as mission partners throughout the world be maintained at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance, participation in the pension plans of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and reentry briefing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to engage this Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and that it carries out this mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the world; 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 \$1,681,229 for the year 2010; \$1,795,722 for the year 2011; and \$1,915,475 for the year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel; 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 \$5,392,426 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), p. 172.



Resolution Number: 2006-A114
Title: Develop Resources for the Young Adult Service Corps
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations, in collaboration with the Office of Ministries with Young People, to develop resources for the pastoral care and vocational formation of participants in the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention direct the Office of Anglican and Global Relations to increase the number of placements available in the Young Adult Service Corps from ten to fifteen per year; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$550,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 465.