

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D061
TITLE: Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program
PROPOSER: Mr. Timothy Skimina
TOPIC: Budget

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A112 Support the Young Adult Service Corps and Episcopal Volunteers in Mission
2015-A174 Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program for Students

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

2015-A013 Support the Work of Global Missions Programs
2003-A065 Support Young Adult Leadership Programs
1991-D116 Affirm the Importance of Young Adults in the Life of the Church

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D061 Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to conduct pilot development of an Episcopal Gap Year Program in international mission for young adults, ages 18-23, who are between high school and other educational or vocational pursuits; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the program be guided by innovative models of such programs, including but not limited to the Young Adult Service Corps, and that it ensure accessibility to racial and ethnic minorities, to persons from non-U.S.-domestic dioceses, and to persons of limited financial means; and be it further
- Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$90,000 for the 2019-2021 triennium in order to develop the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

EXPLANATION

It is widely recognized that short periods of international service have lasting impacts on the world views, global engagement and vocational choices of young people. For instance, a large percentage of missionaries in the Young Adult Service Corps, the program established by the 2000 General Convention that involves persons after college graduation, have gone on to ordained ministry and to other service vocations.

The proposed Episcopal Gap Year Program would focus on young people who have completed high school and who are ages 18-23, which is the universally accepted age range for post-high school young adults discerning their path from high school to other vocational routes, which may or may not involve higher education. Given that some participants may be teenagers, supervision and monitoring requirements would be especially high. The Global Partnerships and Youth Ministries units of the Episcopal Church Center would collaborate in administering the program.

The resolve concerning accessibility is prompted by the fact that the gap year option has been a tradition of affluent college-bound youth with a capacity to acquire a passport and travel visas. The Episcopal Church must also welcome those lacking affluence and documentation, as well as those

discerning a path that may lead to vocations and employment sooner than higher education.

After full project development, the program would be instituted on a pilot basis, with a probable enrollment of about six young people during the 2019-21 triennium.

The substance of this resolution was included in Resolution A174 at the 2015 General Convention; it was passed by both houses, but funding was not included in the 2016-18 budget.

This resolution is endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN).



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: 2015-A174
Title: Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program for Students
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to continue development of an Episcopal Gap Year program for young adults between high school and college, modeled after the Young Adult Service Corps; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$90,000 for the 2016-2018 triennium in order to continue the development of the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 901.