

The Episcopal Church

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Information & Resources

The following reference guide is offered to you as a resource and for your information on subjects and terms you may hear during The Episcopal Church 2009 General Convention.

This resource also contains links to past and current legislation related to the subjects listed here. Up-to-date information on General Convention legislation can be found on the [General Convention 2009 Legislation](#) pages.

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ACC – Anglican Consultative Council

The role of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) is to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion, exchange information between the Anglican Provinces and churches, and help coordinate common action. It advises on the organization and structures of the Anglican Communion, and seeks to develop common policies with respect to the world mission of the Church, including ecumenical matters. The ACC membership includes from one to three persons from each Anglican province. Where there are three members, there is a bishop, a priest and a lay person. Where there are fewer members, preference is given to lay membership.

The ACC is one of the four Instruments of Communion that serve the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal churches.

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury**
- **The Lambeth Conference** which meets every 10 years, for the bishops of the Anglican Communion.
- **The Primates Meetings** are regular meetings for the primates of the 38 Anglican Provinces.
- **The Anglican Consultative Council**

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online:

[Windsor process, covenant to top Anglican Consultative Council agenda](#)

[Design Group works on Anglican covenant revision](#)

[Covenant design team sends 'best possible draft' to Anglican Consultative Council](#)

[Communion Partners push covenant actions](#)

[In Jamaica, thousands attend Anglican Consultative Council Opening Eucharist](#)

[ACC asked to send covenant to provinces for approval](#)

[ACC commits to communion's peace, justice and reconciliation work](#)

[Listening Process ready to move to next phase](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council Digest - May 6, 2009](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council Digest - May 7, 2009](#)

[Update: ACC affirms Windsor Continuation Group recommendations](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council reaffirms two-state solution for Israel, Palestine](#)

[Divisions are deep but can be healed, Archbishop of Canterbury tells ACC](#)

[Update: Anglican Consultative Council Digest - May 11, 2009](#)

[Ecumenical partners pledge to continue journey with Anglican Communion](#)

[Lively worship at historic Spanish Town cathedral closes ACC meeting](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council meeting closes on hopeful note](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council Digest, May 12, 2009](#)

[Communion meeting faced challenges](#)

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[RESOLUTION A146 PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

[RESOLUTION A147 CLAIMING OUR IDENTITY & PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

[Episcopal Life Online Video Resources](#)

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[The Anglican Communion Official Web Site](#)

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Anglican Communion

The Episcopal Church is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The member churches of the Anglican Communion are joined together by choice in love, and have no direct authority over one another. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, is acknowledged as the spiritual head of the Anglican Communion, but the Archbishop does not have direct authority over any Anglican Church outside of England.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Williams calls for more cohesive, theologically aware communion](#)

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[RESOLUTION A125 ANGLICAN COMMUNION TASK FORCE](#)

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[RESOLUTION A147 CLAIMING OUR IDENTITY & PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

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Anti-Racism

In order to become more aware of our actions—personally, interpersonally and institutionally—and to move toward a church without racism that openly welcomes all races, General Convention 2000 of the Episcopal Church named racism a sin and has mandated anti-racism training for all church leaders, both ordained and lay.

The Advocacy Center of The Episcopal Church works with parishes, dioceses, seminaries, commissions, committees, agencies or boards that are actively seeking to join the Gospel work of combating racism as well as other related oppressions.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

[ATLANTA: 'Faithful telling' conference seeks racial reconciliation](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A091 DISMANTLE CHRISTIAN ANTI-JUDAISM](#)

[RESOLUTION A104 MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT](#)

[RESOLUTION A118 AMEND CANON I.1.2\(N\): ESTABLISH TWO STANDING COMMISSIONS](#)

[RESOLUTION A142 TO RECOMMIT TO BEING ANTI-RACISTS FOR THE NEXT THREE TRIENNIA \(UNTIL 2018\)](#)

[RESOLUTION A143 EXTENSION OF GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION A123 TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2012](#)

[RESOLUTION A145 RACISM IN THE DISCERNMENT, SEMINARY, ORDINATION AND DEPLOYMENT PROCESSES](#)

[Resolution 2000-B049, General Convention 2000: Require Anti-Racism Training](#)

[Advocacy Center](#)

[Social Justice Ministries – Anti-Racism & Racial Justice](#)

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Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Rev. Rowan Williams is the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. The roles of the Archbishop of Canterbury include:

- **Leader of the Anglican Communion** - The Anglican Communion includes all 38 provinces in communion with the See of Canterbury, a total of over 70 million members throughout the world.
- **Primate of All England** - The Archbishop has this title in recognition of his lead ecclesiastical role in England. The Church of England has 13,000 parishes and 13,000 full-time parochial and other clergy. He is regarded as the nation's senior Christian and spiritual voice.
- **Metropolitan for the Southern Province of the Church of England** - The Archbishop of Canterbury has what is known as metropolitan authority (that is, a supervisory authority for defined purposes) in relation to all bishops and clergy in the 30 dioceses in southern England. The Archbishop of York has the same authority in relation to the 14 dioceses in northern England.
- **Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury** - Since 597, the Archbishop's See has been at Canterbury. His diocese in East Kent has a population of 825,000 people and comprises 270 parishes in an area of nearly 1,000 square miles.
- **Ecumenical role** - The Archbishop of Canterbury takes a lead in respect of Anglican relationships with other Christian churches.
- **Inter faith role** - Similarly, the Archbishop of Canterbury leads in respect to Anglican relationships with other faiths

The Archbishop of Canterbury calls the once-a-decade **Lambeth Conference**, chairs the meeting of **Primates**, and is president of the **Anglican Consultative Council**.

Resource Links:

[The Anglican Communion Official Web Site](#)

[The Archbishop of Canterbury](#)

Glossary of Liturgical Terms
[Canterbury, Archbishop of](#)

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Archives of The Episcopal Church

The Archives of The Episcopal Church is located on the campus of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. The Austin repository is the Research Office of the Archives where the historical records of the Episcopal Church are preserved and used by visiting researchers.

The Archives' Office of Records Administration manages the contemporary records of The Episcopal Church operations at its headquarters in the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online
[TEXAS: Downtown Austin set to house future Episcopal archives](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A171 ON RECORDS AND ARCHIVES OF THE PROVINCES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH](#)

[RESOLUTION A172 AMENDMENTS TO THE CANONS AFFECTING DATA COLLECTION AND RECORDS IN ELECTRONIC FORMATS](#)

[RESOLUTION A173 AMEND CANON I.5.3\(A\) BOARD OF THE ARCHIVES MEMBERSHIP](#)

[RESOLUTION A174 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH](#)

[The Archives of the Episcopal Church](#)

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Asiamerica Ministries

Asiamerica Ministries for The Episcopal Church includes such programs as annual consultations and online congregational directories. Here is its mission/vision statement:

“We shall continue to plant and grow **Congregations**; excel in **Advocacy** for greater Asian leadership and involvement; **Support** our clergy, lay, youth and seminarians; and develop leadership **Training** programs and resources for effective ministry, “responsive stewardship and contextual theology with and among Asian Americans.”

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[MINNESOTA: Native American, Hmong congregations seek to preserve cultural identities](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A104 MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT](#)

[RESOLUTION A144 EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION 127 TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2012](#)

[Evangelism & Congregational Life Center](#)

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Black Ministries

The Office of Black Ministries for the Episcopal Church includes such programs as: an online directory of black clergy; the Recruitment, Training and Development Program; the Organization of Black Episcopal Seminarians; and the Deputies of Color Orientation to General Convention. The Office of Black Ministries is dedicated to the enhancement and growth of black congregations and seeks to fulfill its Baptismal Covenant through partnership with Episcopal provinces, dioceses, deaneries, local parishes and ecumenical groups and organizations across ethnic and racial boundaries.

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[RESOLUTION A104 MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT](#)

[Evangelism & Congregational Life Center](#)

[Office of Black Ministries](#)

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The Blue Book

The Report to the 76th General Convention, commonly referred to as the Blue Book, contains the reports of the committees, commissions, agencies and boards to the General Convention, as well as some of the hundreds of resolutions that will be considered at the July event.

The Blue Book is available [online](#).

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NewsLine

[The Blue Book is in the Mail](#)

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B033

A resolution passed by the 75th General Convention in 2006, B033 calls on bishops and standing committees to "exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion."

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Search committee told to honor Resolution B033](#)

Episcopal News Service

[General Convention: Windsor debate results in six resolutions](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION B033 ON ELECTION OF BISHOPS](#)

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Budget of the Episcopal Church

The financial base of The Episcopal Church is the voluntary financial contributions of its members.

The 2010-2012 draft budget is [here](#).

Each diocese is asked to contribute to the church's work using a formula which asks, for the coming year, 21% of the previous year's income, less a flat \$100,000 optional exemption. The amount a congregation gives to the dioceses is determined by each diocese, and those formulas vary. It's a fair-share, voluntary asking for mission, the same way a parish asks a parishioner to pledge and contribute to God's work every Sunday.

Funds received from dioceses go to The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America—sometimes called "DFMS"—which is the corporate body that receives funds from congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

The duly elected Executive Council makes governing decisions between sessions of the General Convention.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Executive Council approves draft budget affected by economic realities](#)
[Program, Budget and Finance committee begins work on 2010-2012 plan](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A005 ANALYSIS OF BUDGETING PROCESS](#)

[RESOLUTION A006 JSCP&F BUDGET APPROPRIATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A007 HOUSE OF BISHOPS BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR NEXT TRIENNIUM](#)

[RESOLUTION A126 AMEND CANON I.4.6\(A\) AND \(B\) AND JOINT RULE OF ORDER 10\(D\): BUDGETING PROCESS](#)

[RESOLUTION A183 DEVELOP NINE-YEAR VISION AND BUDGET CYCLE](#)

[RESOLUTION A184 STUDY EFFECTIVE LEVELS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF CHURCH RESOURCES](#)

[Finance Office](#)

[Draft Budget](#)

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[Constitution & Canons](#) - See Budget of the Episcopal Church – I.1.8, I.4.6; JRIV.15

[General Convention Office](#)

Children in the Church

Children’s Formation for the Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center includes such programs as: the Children’s Program at General Convention ’09 in Anaheim, CA; Safe Church Training; and Treasure Magazine. The mission of Children’s Formation is to serve and minister in collaboration with educators and formation leaders as they envision the possibilities for inclusive community that ministers with and advocates for children.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Bronwyn Clark Skov named program officer for lifelong Christian formation and youth](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A083 DIRECTIVE FOR DIOCESES TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN THE NEXT TRIENNIUM](#)

[RESOLUTION A084 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCE IX CURRICULUM PROJECT](#)

[RESOLUTION A088 ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 5](#)

[RESOLUTION A090 LITURGICAL MATERIALS FOR PASTORAL CARE IN THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN](#)

[RESOLUTION A110 BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP](#)

[RESOLUTION A166 PARENTAL LEAVE](#)

[RESOLUTION A167 TRAFFICKING](#)

[Evangelism & Congregational Life Center](#)

[Children's Formation](#)

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Companion Dioceses

A diocese of The Episcopal Church may enter into a companion relationship with an overseas diocese of the Anglican Communion. The mission of the dioceses in the companion relationship includes mutual encouragement and prayer, intensified understanding and concern, and the exchange of both spiritual and material resources. Companion relationships are to strengthen the Anglican Communion through the direct experience of interdependence across cultural and geographical boundaries. Each partner in the companion relationship is to be both a giver and a receiver.

Companion diocese relationships are formally recognized by the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church at the request of the dioceses involved, on the basis of a resolution by both partners proposing the companion relationship. The companion dioceses usually commit to the relationship for a fixed period of years, but this commitment is renewable. A companion relationship may be shared as long as the dioceses wish to continue the relationship.

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[1. Companion Dioceses](#)

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Covenant

The idea for an Anglican Covenant was first rooted in the 2004 Windsor Report ([paragraphs 113-120](#)). The Joint Standing Committee of the Primates and of the Anglican Consultative Council commissioned a study paper on the idea in March 2005, [Towards an Anglican Covenant](#).

At its meeting in May 2006, the Joint Standing Committee asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to establish a Covenant Design Group to further the project. This group gave a [preliminary report](#) to the Primates Meeting at Dar es Salaam in February 2007. The report included [the Nassau Draft](#) - a draft for the covenant on which initial consultation was taken in the course of 2007.

The draft was accompanied by a number of supporting documents, including the [introduction](#), a [commentary](#) and a [draft appendix](#).

The Covenant Design Group met again at the end of January 2008, and produced a [second report](#) and draft - [the St. Andrew's Draft](#) - taking into account many of the submissions to the group. This draft was offered for further reflection to the Provinces, but extensive reflection and discussion were undertaken by the bishops at the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

The comments and discussion of the bishops were received by the Covenant Design Group at its meeting in Singapore in September 2008 - and a [Lambeth Commentary](#) was issued which incorporated many points of the bishops, as well as offering the further reflection of the Covenant Design Group.

The recent period of consultation closed at the beginning of March 2009 and the Covenant Design Group met to develop a further revision of the text between March and April for presentation at the fourteenth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in May 2009. This revised text is called the "**Ridley Cambridge text**." A **commentary** and summary of **Provincial responses** were also drawn up.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Communion Partners push covenant actions](#)

[ACC asked to send covenant to provinces for approval](#)

[Church of Uganda nominee denied participation in Anglican Consultative Council](#)

['Evolving' covenant adoption process makes for ambiguity](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council postpones release of covenant](#)

[Covenant working group named](#)

Resource Links:

[The Anglican Communion Official Website](#)

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CREDO (Clergy Reflection, Education, Discernment Opportunity)

Since its inception, CREDO Institute, Inc. primarily has served the pension plan participants, active and retired, of the Church Pension Fund through a conference-driven wellness program referred to as the CREDO Benefit.

As of 2007, over 3,000 clergy and 85 bishops have attended CREDO conferences. CREDO Institute also serves as a collaborative alliance providing resources and research for Episcopal leadership and wellness programs. Fresh Start and the College for Bishops are examples of two current collaborative partnerships.

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A007 HOUSE OF BISHOPS BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR NEXT TRIENNium](#)

[RESOLUTION A105 FRESH START](#)

[CREDO](#)

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Cuba

The Episcopal Church of Cuba is under a Metropolitan Council in matters of Faith and Order. The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop shares metropolitan authority with the Primates of Canada and the West Indies.

In February 2007, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori made a five-day visit to Cuba, the first time a Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church attended a meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Cuban Church.

In June 2007, Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori returned to Cuba to participate in the consecration of Bishop Nerva Cot Aguilera, the first woman Anglican bishop in Latin America, and Bishop Ulises Aguero Prendes.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[In Cuba, Presiding Bishop affirms 'sea of possibilities' for ending oppression](#)

[Presiding Bishop preaches in Cuba](#)

[Canada's Archbishop Andrew Hutchison preaches in Cuba](#)

[Cuban Episcopalians welcome new bishops suffragan](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A034 ADVOCACY FOR CUBA](#)

[The Anglican Communion Official Web Site](#)

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Day of Repentance

The Day of Repentance was held October 3-4, 2008 at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia. The service was held in accordance with General Convention

[Resolution A123 \(2006\)](#) which called on the Presiding Bishop to organize a Day of Repentance for the Episcopal Church's involvement and complicity in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, and subsequent segregation and discrimination both within the church as well as American society.

In accordance with Resolution A123 passed by the 75th General Convention in 2006, dioceses are directed to document instances where the diocese has been complicit in and has benefited from the institution of Transatlantic Slavery. The Advocacy Center staff is available to help facilitate this process through a variety of resources and assistance.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Prayers, tears and song mark Episcopal repentance for slavery](#)

Resource Links:

[Advocacy Center](#)

[Social Justice Ministries](#)

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Domestic Poverty

A groundbreaking report released on March 12, 2009 calls on The Episcopal Church to address the issues and concerns of the poor in the United States, focusing initially on the needs of Native American communities through its proposed "Model for Domestic Poverty Alleviation."

The report, titled *Faith in the Balance: A Call to Action*, is based on the outcomes of the 2008 Presiding Bishop's Summit on Domestic Poverty. The innovative model outlined in the report will work in tandem with the Episcopal Church's global poverty initiatives of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

"The Episcopal Church focus on the Millennium Development Goals has raised consciousness in our own faith communities and the broader culture about the need to address abject poverty in developing nations," explained Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. "This work has increased mission fervor and deepened spirituality. We need to bring the same passion, organization, and accountability to our work on domestic poverty – in the poorest regions of the United States. Social statistics and the conditions of life are quite similar in the poorest areas, both in the U.S. and abroad, but the MDGs are addressed solely to poverty in the developing world. We need to use both lenses

(international and domestic; distance and near vision) to see the least among us and around us."

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Episcopal Church report addresses U.S. poverty with model for development initiatives
Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A111 ECONOMIC JUSTICE MINISTRY FOR AND WITH LOWER
INCOME PEOPLE](#)

[RESOLUTION A112 EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE](#)

[RESOLUTION A140 DOMESTIC POVERTY](#)

[RESOLUTION A155 TO ESTABLISH OF PROGRAM FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF
DOMESTIC POVERTY](#)

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[Jubilee Ministries](#)

[Jubilee Ministries – Domestic Poverty Summit](#)

[Faith in the Balance: A Call to Action](#)

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Economic Justice

The Advocacy Center focuses on Economic Justice through: the Economic Justice Loan Committee, the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility, active participation in the Economic Justice and Domestic Hunger Program Ministry of the National Council of Churches, and by providing a liaison and financial support to the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A111 ECONOMIC JUSTICE MINISTRY FOR AND WITH LOWER INCOME PEOPLE](#)

[RESOLUTION A112 EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE](#)

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Emergent Church or Emerging Church

New ways of "being church" that developed in the past two decades are gathered under the term "emergent church", also called a conversation, a movement, a phenomenon – and defining it is "like chasing mercury around a chemistry lab table," said [Phyllis Tickle](#), author of *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*.

Growing and evolving in The Episcopal Church, the emphasis is on Scripture and the sacraments and their relationship to the established church. Emergent churches are linked by their dedication to worship and ministry in the context of their location.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[The 'emergent church' – growing but hard to define](#)

Resource Links:

[Evangelism & Congregational Life Center](#)

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The Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church, with 110 dioceses in 16 nations, is a member province of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori is Presiding Bishop and Primate.

The 16 countries are: Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Micronesia (includes Saipan as well as Guam), Switzerland, Taiwan, United States, (including Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and Guam), Venezuela, Virgin Islands (including British VI).

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Executive Council

The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church is an elected body representing the whole Church. In the course of the three years between General Conventions, known as the "triennium", the Executive Council will customarily meet once in each of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church.

The Executive Council has the duty to carry out programs and policies adopted by General Convention. It is the job of Executive Council to oversee the ministry and mission of the Church. The Executive Council is comprised of 20 members elected by General Convention (four bishops, four priests or deacons and 12 laypersons) and 18 members elected by provincial synods.

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General Convention

The legislative body of The Episcopal Church, General Convention consists of a House of Bishops, which includes all active and retired bishops, and a House of Deputies, which includes four lay persons and four clergy from each diocese, each area mission, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe. The General Convention meets every three years. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur to adopt legislation. The General Convention alone has authority to amend the Prayer Book and the church's Constitution, to amend the canons (laws) of the church, and to determine the program and budget of the General Convention, including the missionary, educational, and social programs it authorizes. The General Convention elects 20 of the 40 members of the Executive Council, which administers policy and program between the triennial meetings of the General Convention.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Episcopal Church leaders give webcast preview of General Convention
Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A003 78TH GENERAL CONVENTION SITE](#)

[RESOLUTION A004 2009 GENERAL CONVENTION DAILY AGENDA](#)

[RESOLUTION A071 EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITIES OF GENERAL
CONVENTION](#)

[The Executive Offices of the General Convention](#)

[General Convention 2009](#)

[General Convention Webcast, May 13, 2009](#)

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Global Warming/Environment

Across the country, churches and individuals are changing ways of living and doing business to become better stewards of God's creation. Recycling, installing low energy light bulbs and “greening” our churches, homes and workplaces, preach and teach that all creation is very good, that "the Earth is the Lord's," and that all life is sacred.

The Advocacy Center, in association with the [Episcopal Ecological Network](#) and the [Eco-Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches](#), expresses and seeks to embody the Episcopal Church’s call to educate, act, and advocate for environmental justice and care for all of God’s creation.

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A035 ESTABLISH STANDING COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT](#)

[RESOLUTION A045 RESTRICTING USE OF BOTTLED WATER, ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A156 SACRED ACTS FOR SACRED WATER](#)

[RESOLUTION A157 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS](#)

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Immigration

The Episcopal Church is committed to Matthew’s call to "welcome the stranger" as a matter of Christian responsibility. The public policy positions of the Church regarding

immigrants and refugees draw inspiration from that Gospel and are based on the resolutions passed at General Convention and Executive Council.

The Episcopal Church has been a forceful advocate on behalf of refugees, immigrants, and other at-risk groups. The key government policy issues concerning comprehensive immigration reform are expressed in the principles adopted by the [2005 Executive Council resolution](#).

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A043 RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL GANGS](#)

[Advocacy Center](#)

[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#)

[Episcopal Public Policy Network - Humane Immigration Reform](#)

[Episcopal Public Policy Network - Immigration and Migration Policy Resources](#)

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Jubilee Ministries

One of The Episcopal Church's major ministries is to locate and affirm as Jubilee Centers those congregations, including ecumenical clusters, already directly engaged in mission and ministry. The experience of ministry is used to help other parishes become Jubilee centers. The Jubilee officer of the diocese is appointed by the diocesan bishop. Jubilee programs vary according to the needs of the local community.

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A111 ECONOMIC JUSTICE MINISTRY FOR AND WITH LOWER INCOME PEOPLE](#)

[RESOLUTION A112 EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE](#)

[RESOLUTION A154 TO AFFIRM COMMITMENT THE JUBILEE MINISTRY GRANTS PROGRAM](#)

[RESOLUTION A155 TO ESTABLISH OF PROGRAM FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF DOMESTIC POVERTY](#)

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[Jubilee Ministries](#)

[Glossary of Liturgical Terms](#)

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Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are an eight-pronged declaration that has at its core the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger by the year 2015.

The Millennium Development Goals are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Create a global partnership for development with a focus on debt, aid and trade.

At the 74th General Convention in 2003, the House of Deputies joined the House of Bishops in supporting the MDGs and urging parishes, missions, congregations and dioceses across the Episcopal Church to work for their implementation.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Millennium Development Goals on convention radar](#)

[From Columbus: General Convention affirms Millennium Development Goals](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A141 CONTINUATION OF EC COMMITTEE ON HIV/AIDS](#)

RESOLUTION A157 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Resolution 2003-D006 Endorse UN Millennium Development Goals

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD):

[Search results - using Millennium Development Goals](#)

[Search results - using MDGs](#)

[Search results on episcopalchurch.org - using Millennium Development Goals](#)

[Search results on episcopalchurch.org - using MDGs](#)

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[ONE Episcopalian](#)

Moravians

Moravians in America are part of a worldwide Christian communion formally known as the Unitas Fratrum, or Unity of the Brethren. The United States is divided into two provinces, the Northern Province (centered in Bethlehem, PA) and the Southern Province (centered in Winston-Salem, NC).

The Moravians are a creedal, liturgical church. They believe in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and celebrate the baptism of infants as well as baptism of adults.

Each province is governed by a Provincial Synod, similar to General Convention, which meets once every four years. In between meetings of Synod, oversight is provided by a Provincial Elders' Conference, made up of clergy and laity elected by Synods. In addition, once every seven years a Unity Synod is held, with representation from all the member provinces of the Unitas Fratrum.

In 1997 the Episcopal Church General Convention established an official Episcopal-Moravian dialogue with the Moravian Church in America. The 2003 General Convention authorized a relationship of Eucharistic sharing, so that the two communions could worship together and begin working together in mission while continuing to work on a reconciled ordained ministry.

At General Convention 2009, the Episcopal Church will vote on full communion. The Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations has submitted a proposal to the 2009 General Convention, and the Provincial Elders' Conferences of the Northern and Southern Province have likewise forwarded this proposal to the Provincial

Synods meeting in 2010. The General Convention is being asked to give an up-or-down vote (without amendment).

This would be the first time three churches (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Episcopal Church, and Moravian Church) entered into full communion on the basis of separately negotiated concordats of full communion.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online
[Full communion with Moravians proposed](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A073 MORAVIAN-EPISCOPAL DIALOGUE](#)

[The Moravian Church in North America](#)

[Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations](#)

[Text of the Full Communion Proposal, Official Commentary and other resources](#)

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Native American Ministries

As part of the Advocacy Center, the office of Native American Ministries seeks the full inclusion of Native Peoples in the life and leadership of the church. In order to reach this goal, Native American Ministries welcomes members of the Episcopal Church as partners to:

- guarantee that Native Peoples are fully recognized and welcomed into congregational life through education, advocacy, and leadership development;
- create influential leadership roles in the church for Native Peoples;
- develop a national support system for continued remembrance, recognition and reconciliation of all Native Peoples;
- develop a network of leadership and educational resources to empower Indigenous people to prepare for mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church;

- provide resources, advocacy, and support to Native American theology students through the Indigenous Theological Training Institute.

Programs include: The Indigenous Theological Training Institute; online directories of bishops, clergy, and province/diocesan representatives; and Anglican Council of Indigenous Women.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[On the road at Niobrara with the Presiding Bishop](#)

[Remembering Harriet Bedell](#)

[Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

[MINNESOTA: Native American, Hmong congregations seek to preserve cultural identities](#)

[NAVAJOLAND: Convocation delegates approve plan for September episcopal election](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A104 MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT](#)

[RESOLUTION A113 STRENGTHENING SMALL CONGREGATIONS](#)

[RESOLUTION A144 EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION 127 TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2012](#)

[RESOLUTION A146 PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

[RESOLUTION A147 CLAIMING OUR IDENTITY & PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

[RESOLUTION A148 DOING JUSTICE & ALLEVIATING POVERTY; IDENTITY; GROWING CONGREGATIONS; STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND FOUNDATIONS FOR MISSION; PROMOTING ANGLICAN PARTNERSHIPS](#)

[RESOLUTION A149 SUPPORT FOR THE INDIGENOUS THEOLOGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE \(ITTI\)](#)

[RESOLUTION A150 ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OKLAHOMA CONSULTATION FOR LEADERS IN INDIGENOUS MINISTRY](#)

[RESOLUTION A151 IN SUPPORT OF ADDITION TO LESSER FEASTS AND FASTS OF PAUL CUFFE AND SAMSON OCCUM](#)

[RESOLUTION A152 PRESERVATION OF BURIAL SITES](#)

[RESOLUTION A153 FEDERAL TRIBAL RECOGNITION](#)

[Advocacy Center](#)

[Native American Ministries](#)

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Palestine/Israel Relations

Since the 1967 war between Israel and the Arab States, after which the Israeli occupation of the West Bank (which includes East Jerusalem), Gaza, and the Golan Heights began, the Episcopal Church has joined the call to end the occupation and the ensuing conflict which has brought pain and suffering to all who live in the region.

The Episcopal Church has strongly supported the rightful existence and recognition of both the State of Israel and a future Palestinian State.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Peace in Israel/Palestine reaffirmed as Church marks 40th anniversary of 1967 war](#)

[Presiding Bishop preaches in Jerusalem, shares in Palm Sunday celebrations](#)

[Presiding Bishop's Palm Sunday sermon in Jerusalem](#)

[Presiding Bishop presents Good Friday Offering to Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem](#)

[In Ramallah, diocesan institutions bring hope to Palestinians](#)

[In Gaza, Presiding Bishop sees humanitarian crisis causing hardship among Palestinians](#)

[Easter Day in Jerusalem brings new life as Presiding Bishop concludes Holy Land visit](#)

[Holy Land's 'suffering servants' need advocacy, solidarity, Presiding Bishop urges](#)

[Anglican Consultative Council reaffirms two-state solution for Israel, Palestine](#)

[MIDDLE EAST: Jerusalem diocese receives \\$250,000 grant for healthcare training](#)

[program](#)

[Churches hear of fear, anxiety and hope for Middle East peace](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A037 PRAYER FOR WALL AROUND BETHLEHEM TO COME DOWN](#)

[RESOLUTION A038 REAFFIRM RESOLUTION 1991-A149](#)

[RESOLUTION A039 WALL AROUND PALESTINE](#)

[RESOLUTION A040 SINGLE SOVEREIGN STATE OF PALESTINE](#)

[Advocacy Center](#)

[International Justice and Peacemaking](#)

[Episcopal Public Policy Network](#)

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Property

It is a great sadness when anyone leaves our Church, and we will always welcome them back. But when they leave, they may not take property with them that was given to The Episcopal Church by those who came before us in good faith that it would be there for those yet to come.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[VIRGINIA: Diocese, Episcopal Church ask state Supreme Court to review property rulings](#)

[FORT WORTH: Acting 'in humility and hope,' diocese files lawsuit to recover property and assets](#)

[PITTSBURGH: Judge allows chancellor's role, Episcopal Church intervention in property dispute](#)

[LOS ANGELES: Newport Beach congregation vows to take property dispute to U.S. Supreme Court](#)

[COLORADO: Final agreement reached in Grace-St. Stephen's dispute](#)

[California appellate court rules La Crescenta property belongs to Los Angeles diocese](#)

Resource Links:

[Constitution & Canons](#) :

See: Property of

Authority of Rector over - III.9.5(a)(2)

Encumbrance or alienation of - I.7.3, II.6.2

Religious communities excepted - III.14.1(g), 2(g)

Held in trust for the Church - I.7.4, II.6.4

Insurance of buildings and contents - I.7.1(h)

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Public Narrative

Public narrative is a leadership art that can be used by members of The Episcopal Church to articulate the call to action that is rooted in one's own journey and that of one's community. Public narrative can be a way to articulate Ubuntu – the recognition of the fact that I am because you are, that we are interdependent.

The purpose of this work is to offer an overview of the art of public narrative and create an opportunity for a broader conversation at General Convention. This conversation is an opportunity for The Episcopal Church to articulate a deeper understanding of its identity and relationships for the next generation. The sharing of stories will open the opportunity to a deeper understanding of who we are and why we are called to mission through action in the world.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Executive Council briefed on proposed changes to discipline canons](#)

[Millennium Development Goals on convention radar](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A004 2009 GENERAL CONVENTION DAILY AGENDA](#)

General Convention 2009

[Public Narrative Project](#)

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Renewing Dioceses

The renewing dioceses of The Episcopal Church are the Episcopal Dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy, and San Joaquin.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Joy, hope and excitement surround formal reorganization of Diocese of Quincy](#)

[The Ven. Richard Cluett named to new position to assist reorganizing dioceses](#)

[SAN JOAQUIN: Court ruling 'tentatively' favors Episcopal Church, diocese](#)
[SAN JOAQUIN: Final depositions for 61 disaffiliated clergy](#)
[FORT WORTH: Bishop asks clergy to verify decision to leave](#)
[FORT WORTH: Gulick to extend term as provisional bishop till November](#)

Resource Links:

[The Episcopal Diocese of Ft. Worth](#)

The Episcopal Diocese of Quincy - web site under construction at press time.

[The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh](#)

[The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin](#)

[Office of Pastoral Development](#)

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[Constitution & Canons - See index - topics under "Dioceses"](#)

Science and Theology

The Episcopal Church Network for Science, Technology and Faith ("The Network") intends:

- to facilitate dialogue between this Church and members of the scientific, technical, and medical communities;
- to be an educational resource for this Church, its seminaries, and the wider Christian community; and
- to provide guidelines in Christian ethics for use in everyday decisions within contemporary American culture.

The Network is open to all Episcopalians interested in the interactions of Christian faith with the sciences, technology, and medicine. The Steering Board decides and coordinates the major projects undertaken during each triennium. As a subcommittee of the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith, the Steering Board has a formal relationship to Church structure. Some of the officers are appointed by the Executive Council; others are elected from the Network.

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A118 AMEND CANON I.1.2\(N\): ESTABLISH TWO STANDING COMMISSIONS](#)

[RESOLUTION A156 SACRED ACTS FOR SACRED WATER](#)

[The Episcopal Church Network for Science, Technology and Faith](#)

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Seminaries

The eleven accredited seminaries of The Episcopal Church are an enormous resource for preparing men and women for leadership in lay and ordained ministries. The main mission of seminaries is to provide theological and spiritual formation to equip a new generation of clergy and laity for leadership and service in the world. Each seminary offers continuing education with a wide variety of topics and formats. For more information about theological education, contact the [Office of Ministry Development](#).

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Episcopal Studies program to launch at Brite Divinity School](#)

Resource Links:

[Berkeley Divinity School at Yale](#)

New Haven, CT

[Bexley Hall](#)

Rochester, NY and Columbus, OH

[Church Divinity School of the Pacific \(CDSP\)](#)

Berkeley, CA

[Seminary of the Southwest](#)

Austin, TX

[The General Theological Seminary](#)

New York, NY

[Nashotah House](#)

Nashotah, WI

[School of Theology of The University of the South](#)
Sewanee, TN

[Seabury-Western Theological Seminary](#)
Evanston, IL

[Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry](#)
Ambridge, PA

[Virginia Theological Seminary \(VTS\)](#)
Alexandria, VA

[Episcopal Divinity School \(EDS\)](#)
Cambridge, MA

[RESOLUTION A080 MINISTRY DISCERNMENT FOR DISABLED PERSONS](#)

[RESOLUTION A106 PLAN TO LIMIT HELP ORDINANDS REPAY
ACCUMULATED EDUCATIONAL DEBT](#)

[RESOLUTION A107 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE STUDYING FOR
ORDAINED MINISTRY](#)

[RESOLUTION A135 SEMINARIAN CROSS-CULTURAL FORMATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A145 RACISM IN THE DISCERNMENT, SEMINARY,
ORDINATION AND DEPLOYMENT PROCESSES](#)

[RESOLUTION A180 GENERAL ORDINATION EXAM FEE](#)

[RESOLUTION A181 AMEND CANON III.15.2\(A\)](#)

[Mission Leadership Center](#)

[Office of Ministry Development](#)

[Glossary of Liturgical Terms](#)

[Seminary Statistics](#)

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Theological Education

The Episcopal Church, at the request of General Convention 2003, is undertaking a comprehensive, multi-year inquiry into Christian education, theological education, and faith formation.

In today's Episcopal Church, theological education is related to baptism. To be baptized is to be in Christ and to share a common life of faith with other Christians, a Christ-like life intended to be radically different from that of the world. It is a life of service and servant-hood. It is a life of action for justice, peace and reconciliation. Baptism is more than a momentary experience; it is the beginning of an ever-onward process of growth in Christ.

The main mission of theological education is to better equip laity (including those in the laity who are called to be ordained) for faithful and effective servant leadership. Theological education and reflection takes place throughout the church, and outside the institutional church in homes, hospitals, and in corporate board rooms.

For a comprehensive vision on learning in the Church see the document entitled **Called to Teach and Learn: A Catechetical Guide for the Episcopal Church**.

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A082 CHARTER FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A083 DIRECTIVE FOR DIOCESES TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN THE NEXT TRIENNium](#)

[RESOLUTION A084 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCE IX CURRICULUM PROJECT](#)

[RESOLUTION A085 COMMENDATION FOR PROCLAIMING EDUCATION FOR ALL](#)

[RESOLUTION A086 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL \[TEFORALL\] WEB SITE, INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES](#)

[RESOLUTION A087 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE STANDING COMMISSION ON LIFE LONG CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A103 DEVELOPMENT OF A WEB SITE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION](#)

[2003-A120 Convene a Strategic Planning Committee for Theological Education](#)

[Mission Leadership Center](#)

[Office for Ministry Development](#)

[Life Long Learning in the Church](#)

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Title IV

The [Title IV Task Force II](#) has proposed a complete revision of Title IV, the main clergy-discipline canons of The Episcopal Church. The group also proposed adding to Canon 17 of Title I a process for disciplining lay leaders and a procedure for dealing with impaired clergy to the Title III ministry canons.

The proposal to revise Title IV came from a task force created by General Convention in 2003. The rules governing clergy discipline were last [revised](#) in 1994.

After hearing significant concern about the 2006 proposal, particularly about subjecting laity to ecclesiastical discipline, the legislative committee attempted to rewrite the 30-page resolution to clarify issues. However, it became apparent the revision could not be accomplished in time for the 75th General Convention in 2006 to act.

Instead, the convention referred the proposal to a second task force for the 76th General Convention in 2009. The referral resolution ([Resolution A153](#)) made note of the change in philosophy sought by the first task force, which was to move away from an adversarial model to one that encourages pastoral intervention as early as possible in the process. It also included a set of "critical goals, concerns and values" to:

- reflect of the values and theology and ecclesiology of the church;
- move Title IV toward a reconciliation model for all appropriate circumstances;
- encourage the prompt resolution of conflicts in the Church, and the reconciliation of all persons involved in those conflicts, at the earliest appropriate and the most conducive level of the Church;
- maintain the historic canonical pastoral role and authority of bishops; and
- respect the roles, rights and integrity of those subject to the title; and of injured persons, parishes, missions and congregations and the church.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Title IV Task Force proposes revisions to canons on ecclesiastical discipline; comment period opens](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A058 AMEND CANONS IV.6, IV.14, IV.15 AND THE APPENDIX TO TITLE IV](#)

[RESOLUTION A123 AMEND CANON I.15.10: DISCIPLINE PROCESS CLARIFICATION](#)

[RESOLUTION A185 PROPOSED TITLE IV REVISIONS](#)

[RESOLUTION A186 REFER IMPAIRMENT OF CLERGY ISSUE TO STANDING COMMISSION ON MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT](#)

[RESOLUTION A187 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE III AND TITLE V TO CONFORM TO CHANGES TO TITLE IV](#)

[RESOLUTION A188 BUDGET FOR TITLE IV TASK FORCE](#)

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Transatlantic Slave Trade

In accordance with Resolution A123 passed by the 75th General Convention in 2006, dioceses are directed to document instances where the diocese has been complicit in and has benefited from the institution of Transatlantic Slavery.

See also “Day of Repentance”

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online
[Convention to consider justice and peace initiatives](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A143 EXTENSION OF GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION A123 TO GENERAL CONVENTION 2012](#)

[Advocacy Center](#)

[Diocesan Reports on Transatlantic Slavery](#)

[Search results on episcopalchurch.org](#)

[Search results on episcopalchurch.org – using “Traces of the Trade”](#)

[Search results on Digital Archives – using “slave trade”](#)

[Search results on Digital Archives – using “reparation”](#)

United Thank Offering (UTO)

United Thank Offering is a nationwide fund-raising and grant-making program which focuses on compelling human needs and mission expansion. Such programs must be closely connected to The Episcopal Church or the worldwide Anglican Communion. The UTO Ingathering at General Convention 2009 is Sunday, July 12 at 10 am.

Resource Links:

[Partnerships Center](#)

[United Thank Offering](#)

[Glossary of Liturgical Terms](#)

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Windsor Report

Stating that it is "not a judgment" but "part of a pilgrimage towards healing and reconciliation," the report of the Lambeth Commission on Communion -- known as the Windsor Report -- was released October 18, 2004, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The chief recommendations of the Windsor Report included:

- An enhanced role for the Archbishop of Canterbury
- A Council of Advice for the Archbishop of Canterbury
- An Anglican Covenant
- Recommendations on elections to the episcopate
- Recommendations arising from the consecration of the Bishop of New Hampshire
- Recommendations on Rites of Blessing of Same Sex Unions
- Recommendations on alternative pastoral oversight

The document specifically called on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada to put into effect a moratorium on the ordination of sexually active gay clergy as bishops and on same-sex blessings, while asking that conservative bishops likewise cease to cross jurisdictional boundaries to offer episcopal oversight to dissenting congregations.

Related Articles:

Episcopal News Service

[Windsor Report offers recommendations, calls for reconciliation
In Brief: Recommendations on the Windsor Report](#)

Resource Links:

[The Windsor Report](#)

[Episcopal Life Online Video Resources](#)

[Search results on episcopalchurch.org](#)

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Women's Issues

Women's Ministries is the Office at the Episcopal Church Center that supports women in The Episcopal Church and the wider world. This office works collaboratively with women's organizations in the Church, other program and ministry groups at the Church Center, global and local networks working for gender justice, as well as individual women within and outside of traditional church structures. Women's Leadership & Ministries of The Episcopal Church supports such programs and organizations as: Beijing Circles; Anglican Women's Empowerment; the Anglican Delegation to the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women; and the International Anglican Women's Network.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Remembering Harriet Bedell Pregnancy-loss prayers, new church calendar proposed](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A088 ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 5](#)

[RESOLUTION A117 DISCONTINUE THREE COMMITTEES](#)

[RESOLUTION A165 WOMEN AND MONEY](#)

[RESOLUTION A167 TRAFFICKING](#)

[RESOLUTION A168 ANNUAL DATA GATHERING ABOUT GENDER PARITY IN DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP](#)

[RESOLUTION A170 OBSERVANCE OF FIRST ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD](#)

[Mission Leadership Center](#)

[Women's Leadership & Ministries](#)

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[Search results on Digital Archives – using “women’s ministries”](#)

[United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#)

Youth in the Church

Youth Ministries is defined by relationships. Youth need to know that The Episcopal Church truly welcomes them and invites their gifts into the presence of God's mission. As part of the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center, Youth Formation includes such programs as: the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort; the Episcopal Youth Event (E.Y.E.); Safe Church training; and an online directory.

Related Articles:

Episcopal Life Online

[Bronwyn Clark Skov named program officer for lifelong Christian formation and youth](#)

Resource Links:

[RESOLUTION A043 RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL GANGS](#)

[RESOLUTION A044 AD-HOC TEAM ON INTERNATIONAL GANGS](#)

[RESOLUTION A066 EVANGELISM TOOLKIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY](#)

[RESOLUTION A083 DIRECTIVE FOR DIOCESES TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN THE NEXT TRIENNium](#)

[RESOLUTION A084 CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCE IX CURRICULUM PROJECT](#)

[RESOLUTION A094 RECRUITING MUSIC LEADERS](#)

[RESOLUTION A161 AIDS EDUCATION AND RESOURCES](#)

[RESOLUTION A162 DOMESTIC STRATEGY COMMITTEE ON AIDS CRISIS](#)

[Evangelism & Congregational Life Center](#)

[Youth Formation](#)

[Episcopal Youth Event](#)

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Additional Resources

The following links provide articles, web pages, and other resources for more information on some of the topics listed above, and more:

[General Convention 2009 Legislation](#)

[Policy for Action - Summary of the social policies of the church as set by the General Convention and Executive Council through resolutions](#)

[Episcopal Life Online Fast Facts](#)

[Episcopal Life Online Video Resources](#)

[Episcopal Life Online Image Galleries](#)

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