

## STANDING COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSION

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### MANDATE

It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all mission outside the United States, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to provide partnership for global mission among the various groups within the church, to plan and propose policy on overseas mission and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention. [Canon 1.1.2(n)(11)]

### SUMMARY OF WORK

The Standing Commission on World Mission (SCWM), rooted in prayer and guided by the principles of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence (MRI), gave priority to the following areas during the 2006-2009 triennium:

1. Responding to and working for our missionaries:
  - a. Young Adult Service Corp Expansion (General Convention Resolution 2006-A114);
  - b. Maintaining adequate support of missionaries (General Convention Resolution 2006-A113);
  - c. Funding missionaries within the Anglican Communion; and
  - d. Funding Volunteers for Mission.
2. Attending to and developing our Covenant/Bi-Lateral relationships:
  - a. Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence;
  - b. Monitoring the Covenant Committees and their development (General Convention Resolution 2006-A118); and
  - c. Monitoring the Bi-Lateral Committee and its development.
3. Enhancing our work in mission education:
  - a. Mission education in parishes;
  - b. Seminarian cross-cultural formation; and
  - c. Training and development of missionaries.
4. Fostering relationships within the Anglican Communion:
  - a. Supporting provincial offices/structures;
  - b. Establishing priorities for discretionary funds; and
  - c. Raising awareness regarding United Thank Offering grants.

The Commission met five times: November 2006 in Chicago, IL; March 2007 in Charlotte, NC; October 2007 in Dearborn, MI, with leaders from the overseas Covenant Committees, and coinciding with a meeting of Executive

Council; April 2008 at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific; and September 2008 in the Dominican Republic, which included a consultation with the Diocese of The Dominican Republic and Comision de Educacion Teologica para America Latina y el Caribe (Commission on Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean CETALC). At its first meeting the Commission established group norms, observed hourly prayer during the meetings and visited with a missionary group in each local community.

In addition, Commission members attended the annual meetings of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission and the Seminary Consultation on Mission. Members of the Commission served on the design team for the first 'Episcopal World Mission Conference, Everyone, Everywhere' in 2008.

### **MISSIONARIES**

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) now has 70 active missionaries: 40 appointed missionaries, 12 Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) and 18 Volunteers for Mission. The Commission also noted the change that more dioceses are sending a greater number of people for longer periods, rather than short-term missionaries, up to three or four months. The rising cost of mission support and the decreases in the General Convention budget call for a fresh look at the mission funding process.

A repeated refrain in communications from missionaries gives the perception that missionaries do not have a place of honor as they do in other church cultures. This points to a need to look at the theology of mission today and to view our missionaries as important bridges into new relationships with international partners. It also points to a need to increase education for mission and to introduce this education into our corporate structures.

Reduction of funding at the national level has caused more dioceses and congregations to act as the sending agent for missionaries, often in conjunction with independent mission organizations. In our discussions, we took into consideration that some of these congregations have petitioned to redirect a portion of their diocesan assessments toward this missionary support. We concluded that the nature of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church points to the need for missionaries to be sent from and funded through The Episcopal Church. This also points to a need to reconsider the level of financial support provided for missionaries.

Consequently, the Commission proposes increasing the budget for the support of missionaries by one million dollars. This amount would be used to fund mission education in dioceses and raise the awareness of missionaries in the church. We also recommend that world mission education should be included in education for new bishops; the Episcopal Partner for Global Mission (EPGM) should be funded at the current level; and the amount of \$50,000 should be allocated for the engagement of dioceses in world mission sending, providing for members of EPGM to engage and challenge diocesan bishops and conventions to engender more support of missionaries.

The Commission believes there is a real need for dioceses and bishops to have greater awareness of the mission activity of the church—an awareness that spans beyond the financial aspects to include the general support of missionaries and their relationships and ministry.

We suggest the following ways to increase support for missionaries throughout the life of the church: (1) Encouraging Episcopal Church Women (ECW) chapters to participate in sending gift packages; (2) Having youth groups adopt missionaries; and (3) The regular inclusion of prayers for missionaries in the diocesan cycle of prayers and in the Prayers of the People.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION A128 FUNDING MISSIONARIES**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church maintain  
2 level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as mission partners throughout the world be maintained  
3 at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance,  
4 participation in the pension plans of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and  
5 reentry briefing; and be it further  
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7 *Resolved*, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to engage this  
8 Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and that it carries out this  
9 mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the world; and be it further  
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11 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to  
12 consider a budget allocation of \$1,377,000 for the year 2010; \$1,440,000 for the year 2011; and \$1,543,000 for the  
13 year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel.

**EXPLANATION**

The SCWM strongly affirms the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society’s focus on missionary engagement and understands our commitments in this area to be central to the DFMS mandate. The proposed budget for mission personnel includes increases that will make it possible to continue the current level of mission sending. (This increase affects mission personnel only and does not increase Episcopal Church Center staff salaries.) The substantial increase the first year and the additional increases in the second two years of the triennium are mandatory if we are to provide necessary health insurance, pension and other benefits. The budget request from the SCWM reflects an increase in the Mission Personnel budget of \$250,000 in 2010, with additional increases of \$100,000 each year following.

**RESOLUTION A129 MISSION ORIENTATION IN THE NEW BISHOP’S CONFERENCE**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, thankful  
2 for the relationship building between bishops of this Church and bishops of other Anglican Churches at the 2008  
3 Lambeth Conference, and mindful of the hope that these relationships might be deepened by visitation, one to  
4 another, mandate the inclusion of world mission orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference as well as an annual  
5 one day world mission orientation and strategy meeting (perhaps in conjunction with another gathering of the  
6 House of Bishops) for bishops intending to develop deeper cross cultural relations with bishops of other  
7 Churches in the Anglican Communion; and be it further  
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9 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to  
10 consider a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the year 2010; \$10,000 for the year 2011; and \$10,000 for the year  
11 2012.

**EXPLANATION**

Two new initiatives have grown from the experience of bishops at the Lambeth Conference, the participants at the “Everyone, Everywhere” mission conference and long term strategies developed by Mission Personnel staff in conjunction with the SCWM and the Executive Council.

The Commission understands that bishops at Lambeth experienced the great gift of personal engagement with bishops elsewhere in the Communion and expressed the desire to continue and develop such relations. We propose that the Mission Personnel Office, working with the Mission Education Office, develop a presentation to be made at the New Bishops Conference and urge bishops both to develop such relationships. We propose an annual three day mission conference for bishops initiating new Episcopal relations in the following twelve months. We propose a line item of \$10,000 a year in the next triennium for these two annual activities.

**COVENANT COMMITTEES/BI-LATERAL COMMITTEE**

The Episcopal Church (TEC) is involved in several relationships with Anglican provinces and dioceses overseas. The Commission monitors these relationships, as well as the autonomy processes and developments in these provinces, largely through the reports of the Covenant Committees/Bi-Lateral Committee and the participation of members of the Commission on these Committees.

During the triennium, the members of SCWM met with the primates and representatives from the Covenant and Bi-Lateral Partners as a part of the meeting of the SCWM in Dearborn, Michigan. This meeting allowed the Partners to share experiences about what is working well, and to discuss the challenges they face in their respective provinces and dioceses. The SCWM is dedicated to nurturing open communication and sound relationships with the Partners.

During the triennium, the Committees met to discuss the status of the relationships and the work of the church. A summary of their work follows.

**BRAZIL**

The Province of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil actually became autonomous before covenant communities existed. It became autonomous in 1965 and financially independent in 1975. Even though they are autonomous, there is an interest in being a part of The Episcopal Church through the Brazilian Bi-Lateral Committee. This allows for relationships and support for both partners.

The Bi-lateral Committee met in October 2006 in Recife, where there was an overview of the congregations in Recife. Committee members were also present at the consecration of the Bishop of the Amazonas, a newly formed diocese in Brazil.

The Committee met again in September 2008. Areas of concern for the Brazilians are The Brazilian Pension Fund and The Mission Fund. There are also legal issues, which need to be funded. Theological Education is an area of interest to both Committee partners. The Diocese of California recently started a companion relationship with the Diocese of Curitiba. The Dioceses of Amazon, Recife and Southern Brazil are also interested in establishing companion diocese relationships with TEC dioceses.

Brazil has invited members of the Committee from The Episcopal Church to visit during their General Convention (“Conference of Leadership”, July 21-26, 2009); participate in other events; and to take opportunities for seminarians and other students to do work in Brazil. The Brazilians have offered to teach the Portuguese language to those on the TEC Covenant Committee, and have offered theological material to be used in the Latin Community in TEC.

The Bi-Lateral Committee is committed to the relationship between the Church in Brazil and The Episcopal Church.

**IARCA (PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AMERICA)**

The meeting of the Covenant Committee took place in Panama in September 2007. Members of IARCA include: El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. The Covenant Committee reviewed how membership on the Covenant Committee is decided, considered how to work together more effectively with mutual responsibility and interdependence, discussed issues of funding from The Episcopal Church and how to set up up a pension fund.

Acknowledging how many poor dioceses there are within IARCA, the Covenant Committee seeks to find ways to fairly distribute funds from the block grant among the dioceses and how to monitor and report on how grants are used. There are 33,000 members of IARCA—within 136 congregations (15 are self sufficient), 105 clergy (18 are women) and 62 students enrolled in theology programs.

### **LIBERIA**

Members of The Episcopal Church Covenant Committee traveled to Liberia in January 2008. As Liberia continues to strengthen and rebuild after the war that devastated its society and economy, so does the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia. The Diocese elected a new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jonathan Hart, in January 2008. It is rebuilding its educational programs, rebuilding and strengthening the capacity of Cuttington University College, implementing the Nets for Life program (distribution of treated mosquito nets) with the help of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and is rigorously working towards financial autonomy. The covenant relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia is the only one without a written agreement to guide step-downs in financial support from TEC. This is an important issue that was discussed. The Liberian Covenant Committee will meet in January 2009 to begin reworking the covenant and to create a plan for financial autonomy—its next step in strengthening the relationship between The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Liberia.

### **PHILIPPINES**

In March 2008 representatives of TEC gathered in the Philippines (ECP) to celebrate The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP)'s financial autonomy at a Roundtable Thanksgiving Gathering. Historically, ECP's relationship with TEC was defined in a "Covenant Agreement" that has been monitored by the Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant (JCPC). In 1992, JCPC designed a 15-year stepped reduction plan that layered the annual reductions in TEC's grants and subsidies to the ECP—from \$800,000 between 1993-1997 to \$533,333 between 1998-2002, and finally to \$267,667 between 2003-2007. In partnership with TEC, through the JCPC, the Covenant Committee with ECP conceived a major future capital funding mechanism.

A newly established program by ECP is 'Vision 2018'. ECP's Prime Bishop stated that with TEC as a continuing and faithful partner, by 2018 ECP will accomplish their goals:

- Goal 1: All ECP congregations are full-fledged parishes.
- Goal 2: All members of the ECP are participating and sharing in parish life.
- Goal 3: Clergy ministry is fully enhanced while lay ministry is fully developed.
- Goal 4: Mission expansion work results in positive movements annually.

The JCPC drafted and submitted a new "Covenant Agreement" to TEC's Presiding Bishop and the ECP's Prime Bishop for signatures. The journey to financial autonomy has been a special period in the history of the ECP. With sincere thanksgiving to TEC, the ECP stated, "This Church would not have reached this financial autonomy status without you, our partners."

### **MEXICO**

The Mexican Covenant Committee met in Mexico City in May 2006. One of the main reasons for the meeting was to learn how the diocese was doing economically. It was recommended that Mexico develop programs and also challenge the church to reclaim the Great Commission, using some of the money for evangelism.

In January 2008 the Committee met in Phoenix, Arizona. The issue of finances was a top priority. Other suggestions included evangelism (it was suggested that each parish set a goal of 25 new members a year) and visitation; stewardship and growth; and to work on the introduction of new programs such as evangelism, Christian education, Bible studies, liturgy, administration, ministries of women and youth, the Cursillo movement, the Alpha Course and "A Life with Purpose."

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION A130 COVENANT WITH BRAZIL**

1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the  
 2 “Commitment to be Companions in Christ” between the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal  
 3 Church, as expressed in the text below, and by this affirmation authorize the signature of The Episcopal Church  
 4 on this Covenant:

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 6 **THE COMMITMENT TO BE COMPANIONS IN CHRIST – BETWEEN THE IGREJA EPISCOPAL ANGLICANA  
 7 DO BRASIL AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

8 Preamble: The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil share a missionary history in Brazil of  
 9 over 100 years. The work in Brazil was initiated in 1890 by missionaries Lucien Lee Kinsolving and James Watson  
 10 Morris, from the Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1907 the missionary efforts in Brazil resulted in the  
 11 establishment of a missionary district of The Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop Lucien Lee  
 12 Kinsolving. In 1965 this missionary district became the autonomous Province of Brazil, and The Episcopal  
 13 Church concluded ongoing financial obligations in 1975. In 1990, at the celebration of the centennial of the  
 14 Church of Brazil, the Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil agreed  
 15 to establish a Bilateral Committee to reconnect and reconcile dynamics of distance that occurred during and after  
 16 the establishment of Brazil’s autonomy. The experience of the Bilateral Committee has been one of reacquainting  
 17 the Churches, re-establishing friendship, sharing vision for ministry mission, and encouraging diocesan  
 18 companionships. The Bilateral Committee believes the endorsement of the following Commitment to be  
 19 Companions in Christ will be good for the souls of both provinces. The Bilateral Committee also believes it is  
 20 wise and appropriate to solidify and make public and structurally accountable this ongoing commitment to one  
 21 another.

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 23 The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Synod of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil  
 24 commit to mutual support and encouragement for ministry and mission development within both provinces. The  
 25 Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil hereby establish a Bilateral Standing Committee to  
 26 provide vision and planning to sustain and enhance the Committee relationship. The Bilateral Standing  
 27 Committee will sustain the two provinces in their commitment to: 1) pray for each other’s life and faith; 2)  
 28 commit to develop and support diocesan companion relationships; and 3) discern and support other initiatives  
 29 that will mutually enrich the ministry and mission of both provinces. The Bilateral Standing Committee will  
 30 establish and maintain a list of triennial initiatives consistent with the priorities of both provinces, such as  
 31 theological education, missionary expansion, stewardship, sustainability and social ministry. The Bilateral Standing  
 32 Committee will be composed of one bishop, appointed by each of the Presiding Bishops, and one priest, deacon  
 33 or lay person from each province, appointed by the President of the House of Deputies (TEC) and the Presiding  
 34 Bishop (IEAB), respectively. Terms for these four members shall be six years, rotated so that one of the two from  
 35 each province shall be appointed at the start of every triennium. There shall also be two (to four) additional  
 36 members from each province. For The Episcopal Church, this shall be one member from the Standing  
 37 Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council, selected from those bodies for three-  
 38 year terms. The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil shall appoint its additional members in a manner of its  
 39 choice. No member shall serve more than six consecutive years. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be  
 40 accountable to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council of each province. In The Episcopal Church a  
 41 report will be submitted after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee to the Standing Commission on  
 42 World Mission and to the Executive Council. In the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil a report to the  
 43 Executive Council and to the Provincial Synod will be provided after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing  
 44 Committee. The Bilateral Standing Committee will typically meet every 18 months. Meeting places will alternate  
 45 between provinces. Evaluation of this commitment will be undertaken at least every three years. The evaluation  
 46 and recommendations will be furnished to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Igreja  
 47 Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and to both Presiding Bishops. The Commitment takes effect upon endorsement

48 by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Provincial Synod of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana  
49 do Brasil.

**EXPLANATION**

When the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil became an autonomous province in 1965, after more than 80 years as part of The Episcopal Church, there was no formal agreement between these two churches regarding the terms of their separation and the continuing relationship between them. The Presiding Bishops' Bilateral Committee, formed in 1990, developed this agreement, which formalizes the relationship and the Bilateral Standing Committee, heralding a new era of renewed commitment to shared mission engagement and companionship between our two autonomous provinces. This agreement may also serve as a model for covenant with other provinces as they become more financially independent but seek to maintain a close relationship.

**RESOLUTION A131 COVENANT COMMITTEE GATHERING**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse an  
2 event hosted by the Standing Commission on World Mission for all Covenant Committees and the Bi-Lateral  
3 Committee to be held early in 2011; and be it further  
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5 *Resolved*, That representatives of Episcopal Church agencies (Church Pension Fund, United Thank Offering,  
6 Episcopal Relief and Development, Mission Personnel Officers, Episcopal Church Women) and other resource  
7 people, including the Treasurer, will attend to provide services and information to the Covenant Committee  
8 partners, assisting the Committees in redeveloping their covenants and financial plans.

**EXPLANATION**

Historically, the first consultation on autonomy was hosted by the SCWM. (We note this because it is not unprecedented to hold this type of event.) This event allows dioceses/provinces the resources they need to work towards autonomy and breaks down some of the paternal ties. During this triennium, representatives of the Committees met with the SCWM and found this time together to be fruitful. Therefore, this gathering will continue the work of the SCWM and the Committees into the next triennium.

**RESOLUTION A132 COVENANT COMMITTEE REPORTING**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct its  
2 representatives to the Covenant Committee to designate a secretary, whose role it shall be to take full account of  
3 the meeting, and write a report for the Covenant Committee to approve and submit to the Standing Commission  
4 on World Mission and the Executive Council Standing Committee on International Concerns within sixty days  
5 following each meeting; and be it further  
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7 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church Center orient the representatives to the Covenant Committee by providing  
8 them with past Covenant Committee reports as well as historical information regarding the Covenant  
9 country(ies).

**EXPLANATION**

This Resolution ensures that the General Convention will be kept aware of covenant progress through the triennial reports of The Executive Council and The Standing Commission on World Mission. This reporting will ensure that the church has a better sustained understanding of the opportunities we have to support each other. Furthermore, these new reporting guidelines will create means of accountability for the use of funds sent to our covenant partners in the form of block grants.

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION A133 AMEND CANON 1.1.2(N)(11)**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amends  
2 Canon 1.1.2(n) (11):

3 A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative  
4 of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with  
5 and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all ~~mission outside the~~  
6 ~~United States~~, The Episcopal Church's global mission relationships and responsibilities, to review and  
7 evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among  
8 the various groups within the Church, to plan and propose policy on ~~overseas~~ said mission, and to make  
9 recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention.

**EXPLANATION**

The implied meaning of the original mandate of the SCWM is towards world mission. Recognizing the changes within The Episcopal Church to include dioceses that are not a part of the United States, it is important to differentiate between mission within our own church and our mission outside of The Episcopal Church.

**RESOLUTION A134 "MISSION PARTNERS"**

1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church build  
2 upon the work of Companions in Transformation; and recognizing our desire to work towards mutuality in  
3 mission we resolve to change the name of all our mission personnel in ministry around the Anglican Communion  
4 from "Missionary" to "Mission Partner".

**EXPLANATION**

Recognizing the reciprocal nature of mission work in the Anglican Communion today, as well as the historical understanding of the term "missionaries", which has caused tensions with our brothers and sisters around the globe, the SCWM, along with the Mission Personnel Office, seeks to find ways of addressing mutual responsibility and interdependence in our relationships outside of The Episcopal Church. "Mission partner" recognizes the reality that when we engage in work overseas, we are learning just as much from those we encounter as we are able to teach. This Resolution calls for changing all references in the Canons from "missionary" to "mission partner".

**RESOLUTION A135 SEMINARIAN CROSS-CULTURAL FORMATION**

1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide  
2 funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians; and be it further  
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4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to  
5 consider a budget allocation of \$180,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

**EXPLANATION**

Every year there are far more requests for grants for cross-cultural and international experience from seminarians than there are funds to provide such support. Yet it is widely recognized that active participation in world mission by seminarians leads to increased awareness of our engagement in world mission by the congregations they serve. The Standing Commission on Ministry Development has considered recommending that these types of experiences be required of seminarians, but is all too aware that without adequate support the financial cost is too high.

At present, the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM) has an annual income of \$65,000 (from its \$1.2 million endowment established by Venture in Mission) with which to provide internships to about 25-30 students and faculty per year, or only about five percent of all seminarians annually. By providing an additional annual allocation of \$60,000 to SCOM, the General Convention would enable nearly twice as many seminarians, 45-50, to participate in cross-cultural internships annually.

**RESOLUTION A136 EPGM FUNDING**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports  
2 the work of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) as it strengthens, encourages and facilitates  
3 education for God’s mission as conducted by all the mission agencies of the Church; be it further  
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5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to  
6 consider a budget allocation of \$24,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

**EXPLANATION**

The Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) draws together a network of experienced, committed and well-positioned mission agencies, parishes, dioceses, seminaries and church-wide offices active in world mission for mutual support, consultation and collaboration. EPGM offers the church guidance, as well as information about local and global mission education, mission leadership, mission sending standards, organizational peer evaluation, short-term mission planning and mission development strategy. This funding will strengthen EPGM’s reach and extend its agencies’ collaborative capacity to design and support mission conferences and produce needed mission resource materials.

**SCWM PRIORITIES FOR THE 2009-2012 TRIENNIUM**

Mission Funding:

- Maintain adequate support for all Episcopal Church missionaries;
- Recruit, train and support missionaries; and
- Continue to support and develop Volunteers for Mission.

Covenant Committees/Bi-Lateral Committee:

- Continue the commitments that we have made and to develop those relationships; and
- Continue to negotiate and monitor the financial Covenants. We cannot arbitrarily cut the funding of the Covenants without mutual agreement, because cutting the funds without speaking with the Committees breaks relationships and causes difficulty with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Mutual responsibility and interdependence, monitor and evaluate the following areas/programs:

- Mission education.
- Young Adult Service Corps.
- Funding of Provincial Offices.
- Companion dioceses: honoring relationships and examine funding.
- Structural review of the various relationships among the SCWM, the Executive Council and staff to ensure mutual responsibility for implementing and overseeing General Convention policies.
- Work with dioceses on their commitment to mission education, sending, receiving and action.
- World Mission Sunday offering as a method of fundraising for mission personnel.

Addressing discrimination and/or racism:

- In keeping with Canon 1.1.2(n)(11), at least one member of the SCWM should be from outside of the United States.
- SCWM must meet once in one of the countries in which they are doing ministry (preferably before the midpoint of the triennium).
- If needed, translators must be provided to ensure the full participation of all members.
- Affirm the church in its decision to have diversity represented on the CCABs in accordance with General Convention 2006-A092.

**BUDGET REPORT**

The Commission was given a budget of \$70,000 this past triennium. The Commission spent \$25,319 in 2007 and \$23,554 in 2008 on meetings and other expenses. Our remaining balance for the triennium is \$21,127, as of December 2008.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2009-2012 TRIENNium**

The Standing Committee on World Mission will meet at least five times during the triennium, including two meetings outside the United States, one of which will be the consultation with the Covenant Committees in 2011. Representative participation in the annual meetings of Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission and other meetings is also needed. To meet its programmatic and policy-making responsibilities, the SCWM requests funding of \$30,000 for 2010; \$40,000 for 2011; and \$25,000 for 2012; for a total budget of \$95,000 for the triennium.