

RESOLVED, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, this 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church

1. Establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium,
2. Direct the General Convention Treasurer and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to create a line item in the Budget for the Episcopal Church containing no less than 0.7% of that budget for work that supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,
3. Designate September 11 a special day of prayer, fasting and giving in the Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals,
4. Request that all dioceses establish a diocesan global reconciliation commission dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

### Rationale

The past two General Conventions have adopted and embraced the Millennium Development Goals and urged every diocese to do the same and signify that commitment by giving 0.7% of their budgets toward international development projects that work toward their realization.

This call from General Convention was both sparked by and has further encouraged a grassroots movement among Episcopalians, congregations and dioceses. As of Oct. 1, 2005, 61 dioceses were engaging the MDGs in some form and issues of international development and global reconciliation as integral to discipleship and our life together as Christ's body were high on the agenda of individuals and groups at all levels of our common life. Our participation as a wider church in ecumenical and interfaith organizations such as the ONE Campaign and the Micah Challenge has highlighted this commitment ... but even more significant are the literally thousands of Episcopalians who have become more connected with our brothers and sisters around the globe over the past triennium through engagement with the Gospel imperative reflected in the MDGs.

This resolution seeks to have the mission priorities, budget and calendar of our church reflect this movement and emerging state of our church. It is a declaration of vitality and commitment not only to Christ's mission of reconciliation but to a renewed commitment to deep relationship around the globe at a time when we have never been more aware of the potential those relationships bear.