

Proposed Resolution for the 118th Convention
Episcopal Diocese of Oregon

RESOLVED, that this Diocese of Oregon, as a part of fulfilling its mission to “reconcile all people to God and each other in Christ,” and in accordance with Resolution D022, passed by the 75th General Convention (2006) and by the challenge set forth by the 73rd and 74th General Conventions (2000 and 2003) and the 1998 Lambeth Conference, will:

- 1) give a minimum of 0.7% of the annual diocesan budget to fund work that supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), beginning with the 2008 budget, and
- 2) challenge all communities of faith in the Diocese of Oregon to give a minimum of 0.7% of their budgets to fund work that supports the achievement of the MDGs, and
- 3) challenge all Episcopalians in the Diocese of Oregon to give a minimum of 0.7% of their income to fund work that supports the achievement of the MDGs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Episcopalians in the Diocese of Oregon are encouraged to contact their elected representatives urging them to support the United States government’s fulfillment of its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of U.S. GNP; and that the Secretary of Convention shall write the President of the United States and each of the members of the U.S. Congress representing Oregon, that the Diocese of Oregon, meeting in Convention, urges them to support the United States government’s fulfillment of its commitment to funding international development aid at 0.7% of U.S. GNP.

RATIONALE

At the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies voted to endorse Resolution D022, making the Millennium Development Goals the mission priority for the Episcopal Church for the next three years.

The Millennium Development Goals were established in the year 2000, when world leaders met to address the challenges of global poverty, its causes, and its effects. Designed to reduce human suffering caused by extreme poverty, these eight interrelated, measurable goals include:

- 1) Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger
- 2) Achieving universal primary education
- 3) Promoting gender equality and empowering women
- 4) Reducing child mortality
- 5) Improving maternal health
- 6) Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- 7) Ensuring environmental sustainability
- 8) Creating a global partnership for development with a focus on trade, aid, and debt relief

Commitment to the Millennium Development Goals is the church’s mission priority and a way for each of us to answer Jesus’ call, “Come, follow me.”

Respectfully submitted by,

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