

Resolution:

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrates and supports the planting of new congregations and ministries, the training and recruiting of church planters and mission developers, and the fostering of a church-wide network of support for new ministry development that was originally funded by GC2018-A005 and GC2018-A032; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continues to prioritize establishing new Episcopal communities that are especially committed to mission and evangelism engaging under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, disabled persons, members of LGBTQIA communities, BIPOC communities, economically disadvantaged people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, Given the importance of evangelism and church planting for the future of The Episcopal Church, that an Endowment Fund for The Episcopal Church be authorized by the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Endowment Fund be funded by any manner considered appropriate by Executive Council and solicited from the church-wide budget, dioceses and congregations through their respective legislative bodies and other appropriate means; and be it further

Resolved, That this authorization be implemented by action of the Executive Council.

Explanation:

There is a great need to break out of the triennial cycle of funding Evangelism and Church Planting from the budget of The Episcopal Church and establish a longer term funding source for this important work. This plays the “long game” for innovation and experimentation in evangelism practices, relieving pressure from our fluctuating triennial cycles of funding.