

## **General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report**

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A162  
**Title:** Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican Diaspora  
**Proposer:** Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora  
**Topic:** Ecumenism, Structure

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### **Directly Related:** (Attached)

2022-A004      Extend Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora  
2018-D024      Urge Continued Support for the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and South Sudan to  
                         Strengthen Peace  
2018-D088      Create a Task Force on the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

**Indirectly Related:** (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2022, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#).*

# A162 - Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

**Has Budget Implications:** Yes

**Cost:** \$60,000.00

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** Yes

**Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib:** Yes

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** No

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** No House Assigned

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** No Committee Assigned

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the 81st General Convention authorizes and funds an Advisory Group to continue the work of the Task Force established by the 79th General Convention in 2018 to further develop the relationship between the Episcopal Church and South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora around the Church, specifically in the areas of vocational ministries, local diocesan relationships, and youth/Christian formation issues; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the General C,onvention request the Joint Standing Committee on Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

## Explanation

The approved text of resolution D088 from 2018 reads: The 79th General Convention authorizes and funds a task force to develop an official statement of understanding regarding the relationship between the Episcopal Church and the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora.

It should be noted that during the past six years, the Task Force has been able to surpass its mandate by not only establishing an official understanding between The Episcopal Church and the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora, but also in beginning to live into that understanding. We have formed a Leadership Steering Committee of South Sudanese members, clergy and lay; and created a liaison with the Office of African Descent Ministries of The Episcopal Church, with members serving on the Canon Missioner's Council of Advice, and the South Sudanese American Anglicans being formed into their own Convocation within the Office of African Descent Ministries.

With much work to be done in deepening and guiding the relationship, especially in the areas cited in the resolution, we believe an ongoing Advisory Group established by the 81st General Convention is important, timely and necessary.



**Resolution Number:** 2022-A004  
**Title:** Extend Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican  
Diaspora  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention extend the work of the Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora for the coming triennium; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 81st General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 834.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-D024  
**Title:** Urge Continued Support for the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and South Sudan to Strengthen Peace  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention gratefully acknowledge and commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and their Primates to form partnerships that strengthen their efforts to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church observe with special prayers, awareness, and support of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan (May 16th); and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist their efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further*

*Resolved, That General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations to continue its advocacy with the United States Government for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 492.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-D088  
**Title:** Create a Task Force on the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop to appoint a task force of two bishops, two clergy, and two lay persons to establish an official conversation for the purpose of developing a statement of understanding of the relationship with the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora living in this country and The Episcopal Church; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 80th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$15,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 671.