

JUBILEE MINISTRY

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SUMMARY OF WORK

MANDATE

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 67th General Convention affirms that a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society, is at the heart of the mission of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council is directed to implement and co-ordinate with other programs of the Church the following functions of a priority ministry commitment by this Church to be called "The Jubilee Ministry": Consciousness Raising; Designated Jubilee Centers; Training; Human Resources; Research and Evaluation; Publications; Network for Public Policy; Evangelism and Congregational Development; and Jubilee Ministry Grants. (General Convention Resolution 1982-A080)

EXPLANATION

During the 2006-2009 triennium Jubilee Ministry has continued to support a vibrant network of over 600 Jubilee Centers and 75 Diocesan Jubilee Officers. The ministries included at these locations range from Outreach Programs which include daycare, after school programs and tutoring for children, clinics, AIDS, emergency services, housing programs, food ministries, clothes closets, refugee & immigration programs, day care for seniors, prison ministries, youth programs in urban areas; to advocacy ministries for children, community development, seniors, homelessness, legal aid, domestic violence, civil/human rights, affordable housing; to Empowerment Ministries including Credit Unions, art courses, adult education, job training and placement, parenting classes, computer classes, etc. Through these ministries, Jubilee Ministry puts in practice the faith we proclaim in our various churches by carrying out a very practical form of evangelism among people who desperately need to see a witness of God's love in their world.

Orientation training was provided annually for new and reaffirmed Jubilee Center directors and for new Diocesan Jubilee Officers. Grant awards totaling \$100,000 per year were provided to Jubilee Ministries for the purpose of strengthening and reinforcing their programs. A focus has been placed on the development of program resources that address the differing needs of Jubilee Ministries that are congregationally based and those needs of Jubilee Ministries that are institutionally based. In both cases the goal is to make the link between Christian faith and works of justice.

RESOLUTION D012: SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN OF PERSONS IN PRISON. As of September, 2008, eight camps were funded in the amount of \$14,500 for 2007, and 19 camps were funded in the amount of \$18,690 for 2008. Similar funding support is anticipated for 2009.

Nearly 100 participants, representing the full range of Episcopal organizations within and outside of the DFMS that work on issues of domestic poverty met in May at the Presiding Bishop's 2008 Summit on Domestic Poverty. Essentials to Justice were identified as: affordable food; employment; affordable quality childcare; education; healthcare; a healthy environment; housing; economic opportunity; a just immigration policy; cultural

affirmation; and equal protection under the law. Guided by those 11 Essentials to Justice, the Jubilee Advisory Committee would like to challenge the Executive Council to work towards the alleviation of domestic poverty during the next triennium through the development and implementation of a program targeting the poorest counties in the United States, with particular emphasis on those issues affecting Native American Reservations on a range of measures of economic security, quality of life, and health care. American Indians/Alaska Natives routinely find themselves mired in a cycle of long-standing poverty and social and economic challenges.

The Jubilee Grants funding we received this triennium continue to encourage our partners in Jubilee Ministry throughout the church and to impact the lives of the people we are called to serve as acts of charity and justice. Our awareness of the root causes of domestic poverty on these same lives has increased; therefore, we are submitting the following two Resolutions along with this report:

RESOLUTION A154 TO AFFIRM COMMITMENT THE JUBILEE MINISTRY GRANTS PROGRAM

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention re-affirm its commitment to the
2 Jubilee Ministry Grants program as a line item in the church's budget at a minimum funding level of \$100,000.00
3 per annum during the 2010-2012 triennium.

RESOLUTION A155 TO ESTABLISH OF PROGRAM FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF DOMESTIC POVERTY

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the Presiding Bishop's
2 Summit on Domestic Poverty that met in May, 2008, recognizing with gratitude the witness and ministry of all
3 those who work to address domestic poverty and stand with the poor and marginalized; and be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working
6 poor throughout this nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to nutrition,
7 employment, childcare, education, healthcare, environment, housing, as well as equal protection under law and
8 cultural affirmation; and be it further
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10 *Resolved*, That the Church as a special focus in the new triennium, recognizing that many of the poorest counties in
11 the United States are among Native Peoples living on reservations, gives priority to our sisters and brothers of
12 this land whose population has increased while disparities in income, economic security, health and health care,
13 and quality of life continue unabated; and be it further
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15 *Resolved*, That a program be developed at the Church Center, reporting to Executive Council, with measurable
16 goals for an advocacy program to federal, state and local governments to reduce poverty in these counties, and
17 measurable goals to build capacity and sustainable communities through development initiatives, working with
18 local dioceses and tribal governments, and that a minimum funding level of \$400,000 be made available from the
19 General Convention for these initiatives; and be it further
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21 *Resolved*, That primary coordination be in the Advocacy Center, particularly the Office of Jubilee Ministries and
22 Domestic Justice, the Office of Native American Ministries and the Office of Government Relations, working
23 with the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries and in partnership with other appropriate offices
24 from the mission centers and other bodies as may be identified, such as the Episcopal Church Foundation.

BUDGET REPORT

The Executive Council Jubilee Ministry Advisory Committee will meet approximately three to five times during the next triennium. This will require \$7,500 for 2010; \$7,500 for 2011; and \$7,500 for 2012; for a total of \$22,500 for the triennium.

RESOLUTION SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL JUBILEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THE RT. REV. CHARLES VONROSENBERG, CHAIR
THE REV. CHRISTOPHER A. JOHNSON, STAFF
(DOMESTIC JUSTICE AND JUBILEE MINISTRIES)

Resolution EC 017 established priorities for mission in the 2010-2012 triennium which include Doing Justice and Alleviating Poverty. Jubilee Ministry shares these priorities and is proposing through its Blue Book Report a Resolution to establish a program directed by the Advocacy Center toward the alleviation of domestic poverty during that triennium.

During the current triennium \$100,000 per annum has been allocated for funding Jubilee Ministry grants. Jubilee Ministry is proposing through its Blue Book Report a Resolution to continue this level of funding in the next triennium.