

TEMA/TÍTULO: Anualidad Cubana
 PROPONENTE: Rvmo. Obispo Leopold Frade
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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____ que la 76ª Convención General de la
 2 Iglesia Episcopal solicite a Church Pension Fund y al Comité Permanente Conjunto sobre
 3 Programa, Presupuesto y Finanzas que intenten establecer un fondo de auxilio que le proporcione
 4 al clérigo de la Iglesia Episcopal en Cuba una pequeña anualidad en lugar de una pensión, y
 5 asimismo
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 7 *Se resuelve*, que Church Pension Fund administre dicho fondo de auxilio, y asimismo
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 9 *Se resuelve* que se reafirme la resolución 2003-D050[1] “autorización del pago de pensiones,
 10 legados restringidos e ingresos en fideicomiso que mantiene la Iglesia Episcopal para la Diócesis
 11 de Cuba” y que se pida a la Obispa Presidenta de la Iglesia Episcopal, que en forma conjunta con
 12 compañeros ecuménicos interesados, solicite al organismo de gobierno apropiado las exenciones
 13 necesarias a los reglamentos presentes y que cuente para esto con la asistencia del consejero
 14 jurídico del Church Pension Fund.

EXPLANATION:

Since 1871 The Episcopal Church of Cuba came into being as the result of the missionary effort of the American Church. The Church steadily progress from ministry to expatriates to a Missionary Diocese in the late fifties. In 1967, the House of Bishops decided without a diocesan process in place and under the political pressure of the Cold War to declare the Diocese of Cuba autonomous. At the time of autonomy, the clergy of the Cuban church were members of the Church Pension Fund. Meetings took place between the Department of State and delegations of the National Council of Church in the USA to guarantee the continuance of financial assistance from American churches to their counterparts in the Island, which also included pension payments. After the passing of the Patriot Act 2001 there was for the first time a tightening of the embargo that this time included the churches in United States ever since, limiting the amounts able to disburse to the Cuban clergy and their heirs. Consequently, some considerable amounts are being accumulated in escrow accounts held by the CPF. There are other funds that the Cuban church has in the custody of the national church similarly limited in their ability to be disbursed, that includes the annual apportionment, which for the last several triennia has been limited to \$30,000 dollars. Cuban clergy are considered self-employed by the Cuban social security system and therefore not included in the State sponsored Pension Plan. Some members of the clergy are in imminent retirement age will retire penniless after devoting their entire lives to the service of the Episcopal Church and the furthering of the Kingdom of God in the face of considerable odds.

BALLOT RESULTS:

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