

TEMA/TÍTULO: Distribución Justa de Bienes en la Iglesia Episcopal

PROPONENTE: Rev. Wendy K. Abrahamson

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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de \_\_\_\_\_ que la 76ª Convención General pida a la  
 2 Obispa Presidenta que forme un grupo en misión especial para que examine las opciones para la  
 3 distribución sistemática, progresiva y justa de recursos económicos a través de la Iglesia  
 4 Episcopal; y asimismo  
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 6 *Se resuelve* que este grupo de trabajo examine formas en que las diócesis con recursos  
 7 abundantes puedan compartir más con las diócesis que tienen pocos y que esa distribución se  
 8 concentre en necesidades tales como emplazamiento de clérigos, mantenimiento de plantas  
 9 físicas y personal; y asimismo  
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 11 *Se resuelve*, que la Obispa Presidenta y el Comité Conjunto sobre Programa, Presupuesto y  
 12 Finanzas nombren a miembros individuales de dicho grupo en misión especial de entre las  
 13 Comisiones o Comités que estimen convenientes, así como nombrar a personas que actualmente  
 14 no están en Comisiones o Comités pero que poseen experiencia útil, y que dicho grupo de trabajo  
 15 informe sus sugerencias iniciales y recomendaciones a la 77ª Convención General; y finalmente,  
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 17 *Se resuelve*, que la Convención solicite al Comité Permanente Conjunto sobre Programa,  
 18 Presupuesto y Finanzas que considere una asignación presupuestaria de \$20.000,00 para la  
 19 implementación de este Grupo en Misión Especial.

**EXPLANATION:**

There is significant disparity of financial resources from one diocese of our Church to another. The difference arises in large part to things like population density, whether a diocese is in an historically wealthy or poor part of the country, or regional vulnerability of certain industries, for examples. The financial differences are not due to greater or lesser faithfulness or dedication to the Gospel from one diocese to another. Those dioceses with abundant resources generously reach out to brothers and sisters in parts of our Church with few; but the disparity remains, and in many instances the gap is quite large. This financial disparity hurts the entire Episcopal Church in a variety of ways, and impairs our ability, Church-wide, to be effective with our mission priorities, both national and local. Simply put, those places with few resources have difficulty affording clergy, maintaining physical plants, and conducting basic day-to-day simple business. Evangelism and the sharing of the Good News suffers, mission suffers, our stewardship and sharing of clergy, understood as a resource of the Church for the whole Church, suffers. Further, "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2.44-47).

**BALLOT RESULTS:**

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