

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON THE ANGLICAN COVENANT — RESOLUTION 2012-B005

Membership

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The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, 2015
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The Rev. Gay C. Jennings, *Ex Officio*

Representation at General Convention

Bishop Ian Douglas and Canon Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine are authorized to receive non-substantive amendments to this report at General Convention.

Summary of Work

Mandate: The 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed resolution B005: Ongoing Commitment to the Anglican Covenant Process, which required the Presiding Officers to appoint a task force of the Executive Council to 1) “continue to monitor the ongoing developments with respect to the Anglican Covenant and how this church might continue its participation,” and 2) “report its findings and recommendations to the 78th General Convention.”

Meetings: The B005 Task Force met by telephone conference call twice during the triennium (December 13, 2013 and August 26, 2014) and otherwise communicated by exchange of email. Our deliberations benefited especially from the Anglican Communion contacts of The Rev. Charles Robertson, Canon to the Presiding Bishop; as well as from insights provided by our Anglican Consultative Council Representative, The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas. Reports were made to the Task Force on all meetings of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) during our triennial period as well as on other significant leadership meetings concerning the Anglican Communion.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The B005 Task Force recommends the adoption of the following resolution by the 78th General Convention:

A040: AFFIRM RESPONSE TO THE ANGLICAN COVENANT PROCESS

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our common identity and membership in the Anglican Communion as expressed in the preamble and first three sections of the Anglican Communion Covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council to express our appreciation to the 16th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC16, Lusaka 2016) for the gift of inter-Anglican conversation and mutuality in God's mission engendered by the Anglican Communion Covenant process.

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to the charge given the B005 Task Force, we monitored Anglican and ACC activities regarding the Anglican Covenant process and believe this resolution to respond appropriately to the current status of this process in Anglicanism generally and the ACC specifically. This resolution has no budgetary implications.

Budget

No funds were expended by the Task Force. The Task Force's charge expires at the end of the triennium, so no funds are requested for the next triennium.