

RESOLUTION

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2016

TITLE: To change the focus for the Millennium Development Goals to a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals as passed by the United Nation for the years 2015 – 2030

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DATE: August 31, 2016

Be it RESOLVED, That the 2016 Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California affirm the change of focus for global development from the Millennium Development Goals to a focus on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as put forth by the United Nations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention direct the Board of Trustees to continue to make the same allocation of 0.7% of the diocesan budget but that the allocation be made to further the 17 Sustainable Development Goals developed by the United Nations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Millennium Development Goal Commission is hereby renamed the Sustainable Development Goal Commission, to be appointed by the Bishop, and is charged with making grants to projects and agencies addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, with the approval of the Bishop, and is directed to make an annual accounting report to the Bishop, the Board of Trustees and this convention.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:

Beginning with Resolution R-1-07, in 2007, the Diocese of Northern California has supported the Millennium Development Goals developed by the United Nations and supported by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church with an allocation of 0.7% of the Diocesan Budget, and that since these allocations have been successful in reducing extreme poverty worldwide, and that since the United Nations has moved to designate the years 2015-2030 to be focused on 17 Sustainable Development Goals it is appropriate that the Diocese of Northern California follow the lead of the United Nations with a similar designation. This resolution represents a change of focus, but not a change in our diocesan support for Global Development. Refocusing efforts on sustainability will further help develop education and help meet financial needs of the most needy in our world, leading to increased self-sufficiency, relief of extreme poverty and serve the well being of our global neighbors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This does not represent an additional financial impact on our diocesan budget. It continues to allocate the 0.7% of the diocesan budget to support these goals. In 2016 this has netted a total of \$12,855 to be used to support the most needy in our world. In addition some donations have also been received. The amount will fluctuate from year to year, depending upon our budget, but the percentage remains the same. Our congregations are likewise encouraged to designate 0.7% of their budgets towards global development.

RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Support for these Goals is another place for us to live into our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every person. Our neighbors are not only those with whom we live and work, they are also those living in poverty and need throughout our world.

As we work to develop healthy congregations, we need to be aware that support for the lost and needy in the world strengthens our own faith development, and the work of collaboration with other faith groups and NGO organizations to alleviate the worst of injustices promotes the peace and well being of our whole world, and thus, the well being of each one of us.

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

UN Resolution:

We resolve, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. We resolve also to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.

THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

* Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change