Resolution #4: Next Steps in God’s Mission - Amended


RESOLVED, that the 232nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut gives thanks to God for the new and exciting ways that Episcopalians in Connecticut are participating in God’s mission through Regions, Ministry Networks, and Mission Council as adopted by the 231st Annual Convention in response to the Taskforce on Reimagining the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (TREC-CT); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bishops and Mission Council, in consultation with the Standing Committee, study the current and future financial resources needed to assist Episcopalians in Connecticut to become even more faithful disciples and apostles in God’s mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bishops and Mission Council report back the results of this study to the 233rd Annual Convention with possible next steps in God’s mission.

Explanation:
The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has embarked on a new path in God’s mission following changes made by last year’s Annual Convention in response to the Taskforce on Reimagining the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (TREC-CT). Regions have coalesced, Ministry Networks have emerged, and Region Missionaries will soon be engaged. A study of financial resources at the parish and diocesan levels, including the possibility of a diocesan-wide capital campaign, will assist Episcopalians in Connecticut to take our next steps in God’s mission. This resolution proposes that results of such a study be reported to next year’s Annual Convention with possible action.
Statement: How does this resolution further God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation with all of creation?

By virtue of our baptism, we are called to be followers of Jesus sent into the world in God’s mission through the power of the Holy Spirit. We thus participate in God’s mission as disciples (followers of Jesus) and apostles (sent into the world.) As a result of TREC-CT, Episcopalians in Connecticut are trying on new ways to join God in our neighborhoods. This resolution seeks to discover what financial resources we currently have and/or might need, at both the parish and diocesan-wide level, in order to become even more faithful disciples and apostles in God’s mission.

Statement of Requirements to Implement the Resolution:
The Bishops and Mission Council, in consultation with the Standing Committee, will be responsible for implementing this resolution. Those submitting this resolution are members of the Mission Council or the Standing Committee. There is no line item in the 2017 budget submitted to the 232nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut to support the proposed study. Consultation costs to accomplish the study may be covered by Missionary Society endowment income and/or Episcopal Church in Connecticut contingency funds under the authority of the Bishops and Mission Council.