Assessing our Resources for Participating in God’s Mission

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Resolved, that the 233rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut continues to give thanks for the new and exciting ways that Episcopalians in Connecticut are collaborating to participate in God’s mission through Regions, Region Missionaries, Ministry Networks, and the Mission Council; and be it further

Resolved, that the 2016 Resolution #4 Working Group continues to work with Regions and Region Missionaries by undertaking Region Needs Assessments that include, but are not limited to: 1) identifying programs and activities to further participate in God’s mission across parishes and Regions; and 2) determining the financial resources necessary to achieve identified goals; and be it further

Resolved, that the 2016 Resolution #4 Working Group engage a consulting firm, as appropriate, to assist with Region Needs Assessments; and be it further

Resolved, that the 2016 Resolution #4 Working Group report back to the 234th Annual Convention as to its findings, including: the results of the Region Needs Assessments, and any other recommendations to assist the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in our next steps in God’s mission.

Explanation:
See the report, “2016 Resolution #4 Report” as required by Resolution #4 of the 232nd Annual Convention in 2016.
**Statement:**
This resolution furthers God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation with all of creation by facilitating conversations around opportunities for collaboration and mission engagement between our missionaries and the parishes in our six Regions while taking steps to identify the resources available and the resources needed to bring these opportunities into reality.

**Requirements to Implement:**
In order to implement this resolution, the working group as constituted will continue its work through the 234th Convention in 2018. Funds needed to pay for consulting firm fees will be identified by the Mission Council from within existing resources of the Missionary Society and/or the Budget of Convention.