

2015 RES. 5 QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

RESOLVED, that the 145th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania take Christ into our neighborhoods by endorsing church-school partnerships as a way to address education inequity in our Commonwealth, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention explore possible partnerships with other Pennsylvania dioceses to request the “All Our Children National and State Network”, Boston, Massachusetts, to convene, before October 2017, a symposium on alleviating child poverty through church/school partnerships in public education and be it further

RESOLVED, that the work of the committee for quality education for all fall within the purview of the newly formed Committee on Social Justice and Equity to address this issue, and that the updates on this committee’s work with the All Our Children National Network’s Symposium on “Children, Poverty, and Public Education: The Role of the church in Addressing Educational Inequity” be included in The Committee on Social Justice and Equity information report to Convention.



EXPLANATION: This resolution is inspired by Resolution B005, Quality Public Education for All, adopted at the 2015 General convention of the Episcopal Church. The text of Resolution B005 is as follows:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention endorse church-school partnerships as a path for following Jesus into the neighborhood, addressing educational inequity, and rejuvenating congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the 'All Our Children' National Network to collaboratively convene an intergenerational symposium on “Children, Poverty, and Public Education: The Role of the Church in Addressing Educational Inequity,” with a report thereon to be submitted to the *Executive Council for report to the 79th General Convention*; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge church-school partnerships to join the 'All Our Children' National Network, and their local public education support initiatives, to hasten the day when quality public education is available to all children.

The Episcopal Church is committed to quality public education and ministry with children, particularly the most vulnerable. Responding to human need with loving service is one of the Five Marks of Mission as adopted by the 76th General Convention in Resolution D027. Throughout the Episcopal Church, we are partnering with local schools. Congregations are revitalized by their connection with schools, which happen on three levels: providing direct services to children; building community coalitions; and participating in broad-based regional coalitions to address root causes of educational inequity. The purpose of the All Our Children National Network (AOC) is to promote, support, and strengthen effective partnerships between congregations and under-resourced public schools. AOC gathers and shares tools and materials; seeks opportunities for collective learning, support, and knowledge; discerns and disseminates best practices; and engages our member community both online and through gatherings.

Submitted by

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