

Resolution F
Support of Millennium Development Goals

Submitted by: El Camino Real's Deputies to the General Convention

Resolved, that this 26th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real urges each congregation and parishioner to give 0.7% of their income to work that supports the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Explanation:

The 75 General Convention of the Episcopal Church set as its number one priority for the next triennium "Promoting Justice and Peace for all of God's creation and continuing and acceleration the leadership role and programs of the Episcopal Church which support the eight Millennium Development Goals in the Dioceses of the Episcopal Church and the world."

The MDGs arose several years ago in the United Nation as international economists realized that a world-wide plan could actually, by the year 2015, abolish extreme poverty wherever it exists, establish universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDs, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and develop a global partnership for development.

During recent years more and more UN member countries have agreed to contribute 0.7% of their income, as have many major financial, philanthropic, and religious organizations such as the National Council of Churches. Most of the dioceses of The Episcopal Church have now voted to participate and it is hoped that the remaining dioceses will also do so. More than 0.7% of the budget approved by General Convention 2006 is dedicated to the support of MDGs.

El Camino Real congregations and parishioners wishing to join this growing movement can contribute monies to Episcopal Relief and Development or to any agency which supports the MDGs.