

RESOLUTION (8) Full Inclusion

Resolution on Full Inclusion

Presented to the Synod of Province III on May 7 – 8, 2018

If adopted, to be forwarded to the Secretary of General Convention

Resolved, That the Synod of Province III, meeting in Martinsburg, West Virginia on May 7 – 8, 2018, endorses the following resolution and hereby instructs the Provincial Secretary to forward it to the Secretary of General Convention by no later than May 25, 2018.



A call for the appointment of a Task Force on Full Inclusion

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirms full inclusion of all members of the Episcopal Church to be an important focus of the work of this Church and our General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That our commitment to full inclusion be reflected in our policies and in our allocation of the financial resources of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers appoint a Task Force, to be known as the Task Force on Full Inclusion and comprised of members of the Executive Council and others, to examine those areas of our life together as a church, especially in the Diocesan delegations to General Convention which are consistently less than four clerical and lay Deputies as permitted by the Canons, where full inclusion is still only a goal, not a reality, especially for the people and Dioceses of Province IX, and to make appropriate recommendations for action by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force on Full Inclusion shall present its report to the 80th General Convention.

Submitted by:

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Explanation

The mentality of the plantation owner persists to the present day in the structures of the Episcopal Church. The eleven Dioceses which had less than 4 clergy and/or 4 lay Deputies to one or more General Conventions (2006 – 2015):

Central Ecuador	2009
Colombia	2012, 2009, 2006
Dominican Republic	2009, 2012

Ecuador	2009
Haiti	2015, 2012, 2009, 2006
Honduras	2015, 2012, 2009, 2006
Litoral Ecuador	2015, 2012, 2009, 2006
Navajoland	2009, 2006
North Dakota	2015
Taiwan	2015, 2012, 2009, 2006
Venezuela	2015, 2012, 2009, 2006