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RESOLUTION TEXT

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 77th General Convention, mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, calls on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and resources, including but not limited to the following:

-A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church policies in our nation's capital;

-Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the Occupation;

-Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least $200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the economic infrastructure of the Territories;

-Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed consumer choices;

-An examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in every Diocese of "KAIROS PALESTINE 2009" released in December 2009 by Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of Jewish-Israeli citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the Council further consider using as a resource for this study plan an Episcopal version of Steadfast Hope (adapted from the Presbyterian original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land

33 and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with
34 recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the
35 Holy Land; and be it further
36 *Resolved,* That all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the
37 United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and
38 to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including
39 the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev.
40 Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the
41 Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering; and be it further
42 *Resolved,* That Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program,
43 Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the
44 implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION

Prior to the 77th General Convention, documents can be accessed at http://epfnational.org/PIN/bishops-and-deputies-to-gc-only/