

**Resolution Number:** 1994-C041  
**Title:** Approve Autonomy and Covenant with Mexican Episcopal Church  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 71st General Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1994, under the authority of Title I Canon 11.3 (f) releases the Dioceses of the Mexican Episcopal Church from the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America for the purpose of forming a new Province of the Anglican Communion;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the 71st General Convention ratify the "Covenant between the Episcopal Church in the USA and the Mexican Episcopal Church," defining the basis, nature and mechanics of the new relationship and partnership in mission between the two churches;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the implementation of this resolution becomes effective at a date not later than January 1, 1995;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That in accordance with the Covenant Agreement funding be appropriated for the 1995-1997 triennium, subject to funding in the budget, as follows:**

<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>\$918,964</b>	<b>\$882,206</b>	<b>\$846,918</b>

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 306-07.

#### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

**Author:**

**Originating House:** House of Deputies

**Originating Committee:** Committee on World Mission

#### **House of Deputies**

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(C041)

*Whereas*; The Mexican Episcopal Church in Convention (1987) has adopted the resolution on "Notice of Intention" to become an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion; and

*Whereas*; The same affirmative notice of intention was duly presented to, and approved by, the 1988 General Convention held in Detroit, Michigan; and

*Whereas*; In further compliance with the requirements for dioceses seeking as autonomy as set forth in the General Convention Resolutions A235a (adopted at the 1991 General Convention), the constituent dioceses and projected provincial bodies of the Mexican Episcopal Church have developed 25-year programs and budget projections; such 25-year plans describing in detail the mission, goals and objectives of the Dioceses and the Provincial structure in the areas of worship, stewardship, evangelism; Christian education, theological education for ministry, social ministries in the fields of education and community development; infrastructure and support facilities; and operation, management and support of church administrative structures; and

*Whereas*; The appropriate Diocesan and Provincial structures have been established such that autonomous decision-making processes are in place; and procedures for accounting, reporting and external control necessary to manage and safeguard the assets of the Dioceses and the Province are likewise in place; and

*Whereas;* The affected Dioceses, through their respective Diocesan conventions have given their consent to this intention for autonomy; and

*Whereas;* The Convention of the Mexican Episcopal Church meeting in Mexico City on March 25, 1994 enthusiastically endorsed the request of the Dioceses of the Mexican Episcopal Church to be released from the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America for the purpose of forming a new province of the Anglican Communion; therefore be it

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*Resolved,* That the implementation of this resolution becomes effective upon the installation of the Primate of the new province of the Mexican Episcopal Church at a date not later than January 1, 1995.

### **Proposed Committee Amendment:**

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**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #215)

The deputations from Mexico were introduced, to the sustained applause of the House.

**House of Bishops**

The Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on House of Deputies Message #215 on Resolution C041a (Autonomy for Mexico) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)

Resolution Concurred by Both Houses, September 2.

**Abstract:** The 71st General Convention releases the Dioceses of the Mexican Episcopal Church from the jurisdiction of ECUSA for the purpose of forming a new province of the Anglican Communion, and ratifies the covenant between the two Churches defining their new relationship.