



Resolution Number: 1979-A110
Title: Establish a Covenant With the Episcopal Church of Liberia
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 66th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in Colorado does agree and covenant with the Episcopal Church of Liberia and does commit itself to this covenant for the planning of autonomy with the Episcopal Church of Liberia as follows:**

1. **That ECL confirms its intention to become a full member of CPWA.**
2. **That there will be established a Joint Committee of consultation to be made up of members from ECL and PECUSA. The CPWA will be invited to membership in this Committee. The Committee's tasks will be to consult, cooperate and offer advice on missionary activities which shall include, but not be limited to, Partners-in-Mission, Spiritual Renewal, Stewardship development plans, educational, health and agricultural programs, the training and development of Clergy and Theologians, and other shared programs.**
3. **That, prior to ECL becoming a full member of CPWA, ECL with the assistance of PECUSA will develop Pension Schemes for ECL Clergy and other employees of the Diocese.**
4. **That, because of its historic nature as the only religious and privately supported institution of higher learning in sub-Sahara Africa, PECUSA will continue to give moral and financial assistance to ECL in its support of Cuttington University College.**
5. **That ECL may seek and PECUSA will encourage the development of companion Diocese relationships between ECL and Dioceses of PECUSA.**
6. **That PECUSA will continue to promote the Venture in Mission project at Kabolia; will carry out the financial aid as outlined in the projection entitled, "Episcopal Diocese of Liberia--Budget Projection from 1976-1986"; and will assist in seeking sources of capital funds for development; all of which is looking forward to full financial independence for ECL in 1990.**
7. **That the Bishop of Liberia shall be invited to be a collegial member of the House of Bishops of PECUSA; and that a means shall be provided by the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies to enable representatives of ECL to "seat and voice" in the House of Deputies of PECUSA.**
8. **That upon the request and recommendation of the Bishop of Liberia, the House of Bishops will appoint an Episcopal Partner to consult with him.**
9. **That ECL will make an annual voluntary contribution to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.**
10. **That this Covenant will become effective upon approval by both the Diocesan Convention of Liberia and the General Convention of PECUSA.**
11. **That ECL will provide PECUSA with a completed copy of the Constitution and Canons of ECL and of CPWA as being revised by the Constitutional Amendment Committee of CPWA, in accordance with regulations of the Anglican Consultative Council.**

12. **This Covenant shall be subject to review not less than once every three years to enable changes and modifications as may become necessary, and will continue in force until agreement by both parties to terminate;**

and be it further

Resolved, That in accordance with the terms of item 12 of the Covenant, the Executive Council be authorized to act on behalf of PECUSA; and be it further

Resolved, That such review shall include any reports and recommendations made by the members of the Joint Committee of Consultation referred to in item 2 of the Covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Joint Committee of Consultation representing the PECUSA be appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-147.