

## **Substitute Resolution 209.4 On Global Mission Work**

The 209th Annual Convention enacts:

“Resolved, that in keeping with the advice of Resolution A088 adopted by the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, the 209th Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina strongly encourages all congregations, individuals and organizations in the Diocese engaging in or considering global mission ~~in~~to connect and consult with the Office of Global Partnerships (and the regional partnership officers) as partners in mission in order to more fully and deeply fulfill the mission of the Church to seek and serve Christ in all people and uphold and advocate for the values of God’s liberating love throughout the world; and

Further resolved, that the Diocese strongly encourages all congregations, individuals and organizations in the Diocese engaging in or considering such engagement in global mission to also consult with the Chartered Committee on Global Mission and the Diocesan Global Mission Advocate for assistance and advice in engaging in these relationships in a peer-to-peer manner,” and

Further resolved, the Diocese petition the Executive Council to consider the addition of an element to the Parochial Report to enable congregations to report international activities in which the congregation is engaging.”

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Comment: The 81st General Convention adopted a number of resolutions related to Global Mission work, among those Resolutions A088 referenced above, as well as Resolution A080, which is focused on countering the colonial mindset in all our global mission work. These resolutions have the combined effect of engaging those with experience in global mission work in learning more about the areas in which congregations or individuals may hope to work, as well as approaching such work in a peer-to-peer manner rather than in ways that inadvertently reflect the “colonial mindset” to that so often sneaks into our work as first-world residents. The Office of Global Partnerships has officers that cover every part of the globe, with experience in working with multiple cultures and political dynamics. The Chartered Committee on Global Mission also provides assistance and advice, as does our Diocesan Global Mission Advocate (the Rev. Mawethu Ncaca). Engaging with these groups also facilitates information-sharing and collaboration among multiple congregations or dioceses that may be working with the same countries or dioceses elsewhere around the globe.