

**RESOLUTION**

**THE DIOCESE OF NEVADA**

**2007 DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

***ACTIONS CONCERNING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS (MDG'S)***

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**DATE:** August 11, 2007

**RESOLVED**, That this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Nevada affirm and embrace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that have been designed to:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop global partnerships for development

**RESOLVED**, That each congregation provide education about the Millennium Development Goals so that parishioners can make informed decisions regarding the actions they take to accomplish these goals.

**RESOLVED**, That the Diocese of Nevada, each congregation, and each parishioner take action toward the accomplishment of the MDGs and publicize the efforts so that others in their community will be encouraged to join in this effort to eliminate world suffering.

**RESOLVED**, That the Diocese of Nevada appoint a Global Reconciliation Commission that:

1. Will assist congregations with their programs of MDG education
2. Will work with congregations and parishioners as requested to plan action toward the accomplishment of the MDGs
3. Will make recommendations regarding the distribution of funds for the MDGs
4. Will maintain data regarding the work in the Diocese of Nevada toward the accomplishment of the MDGs
5. Will develop a long-term MDG plan for the Diocese of Nevada

**RESOLVED**, That the Diocese of Nevada will continue to allocate .7% of its net operating budget to programs and services designated for international development (MDGs) and by this commitment urge each congregation and each parishioner to give in like manner as part of fulfilling the mission to reconcile all people to God and each other in Christ.

## **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

During our 2006 General Convention, the Episcopal Church USA passed the following resolution:

**D022: RESOLVED**, That the General Convention establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium, and that each diocese, congregation and parishioner be urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals.

Responding to the General Convention initiative, the Diocese of Nevada resolution -- *“Actions Concerning the Millennium Development Goals”* – establishes a foundation for action towards the achievement of the MDGs in fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Diocese of Nevada presently allocates .7% of its net operating budget towards international development. This initiative maintains that level of allocation and encourages congregations and parishioners to do likewise.