

RESOLUTION 1

TO: The 182nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

FROM: The deputies to the 2009 General Convention (The Reverends Libby Wade, Bill Watson, Pat Connell, Amy Coultas and Debbi Rodahaffer, Mary Abrams, Sam Dorr and Hamp Moore)

SUBJECT: All Our Children: Supporting equitable education

Resolved, the 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky encourages congregations to develop a partnership with a local public school; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges every Episcopalian to give 40 hours a year in support of public education through direct service, participation in community based educational enrichment opportunities, advocacy and/or teacher support; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention calls upon governmental agencies to support policies and funding priorities that support equity in public education for all young people.

EXPLANATION

The 76th General Convention called Episcopalians to work on behalf of the children in our communities by developing local partnerships, volunteerism, and advocacy (B025). America's public schools are more segregated now than when *Brown v. The Board of Education* was decided more than fifty years ago. Inequities in funding and policy support mean that many of our children become more marginalized every day that they sit in inadequate classrooms.

Public education serves the backbone of our democracy and respect for the dignity of every child carries out our Incarnational faith. Improving public education will do more to reduce domestic poverty than any other single effort.