

Subject: 2009 DWMA Diocesan Convention - Resolution # 2 -- for the 2nd Convention digital mailing
Resolved, that congregations of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts offer prayerful and financial support to the overseas missionaries of The Episcopal Church; and that congregations include in their budgets an additional contribution of at least \$.80 per person per year in order to continue funding of the Mission Office of The Episcopal Church.

Explanation

The budget of The Episcopal Church for the next Triennial (2010-2012) included many painful cuts. One of the areas which suffered was funding for overseas missionaries. However, it was noted that if each member of the Episcopal Church were to give an additional gift of less than one dollar per year, the funding for our overseas missionaries could be restored.

Our church has long been involved in overseas mission. Our historic title is "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society". We have approximately 75 missionaries serving around the world at any time, including several from our Diocese.

An additional gift of eighty cents per person per year would help provide training, pastoral care, adequate health care, and participation in the pension fund for those engaged in overseas mission.

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