



Reconciliation with the Episcopal Church of Cuba to be voted on at General Convention

We ask all Bishops, Deputies and Clergy to support a resolution that will be proposed at General Convention 2018 for the US Episcopal Church to reconcile and reunite with the Episcopal Church of Cuba (ECC).

Context:

In 1966, following the Cuban Revolution and US Embargo, the ECC was "granted autonomy" by the US Episcopal Church. This was driven by the politics of the time, but has resulted in isolating the Cuban Church for the past 52 years. The ECC did not request independence, and was not involved in the decision.

At General Convention in 2015, Cuba officially requested reconciliation/reunification, and a task force was established to develop a recommendation.

The Episcopal Church of Cuba today:

Under the leadership of Bishop Griselda Del Carpio, the ECC has been growing by creating inclusive communities that nourish the bodies and spirits of all Cuban people. Lives throughout the country are being transformed not only by the word of God, but also by holistic ECC programs that are bringing purified water to many communities; re-purposing Church lands to grow crops for the villages; teaching small business development; and creating daycares to enable women to work.

General Convention 2018:

The Task Force will recommend a vote to reconcile and reunite with the ECC, and welcome them back to the US Episcopal Church.

Please support this resolution of reconciliation.

The Episcopal Church of Cuba at a glance



- 46 active parishes
- Served by 22 Priests
- Operating budget of \$90,000
- No pension plan for Clergy
- The Church is GROWING

What People Are Saying About ECC!

Through the tenacity of the Cuban spirit and the leadership of Bishop Griselda, the Episcopal Church of Cuba has become an example for all Episcopal Communities to follow.

"They are a great example to Episcopal Church congregations of what Asset Based Community Development looks like-valuing all the gifts God has provided in this place, listening to the needs of the wider community, and collaborating for mission and ministry. Bishop Griselda is leading transformative ministry in Cuba--I urge you to go and see if you are able, develop a diocesan or parish partnership, and
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Bishop Katherine Jeffers Schori.

"The church here in Cuba is not an institution, but a movement, a gospel movement. You get the sense that the church is really in the community, there for the sake of the community. Seeing it on the ground enriches my understanding and helps the way we uphold them in prayer"

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada

"They are an example of what a church should do community-wise" adding that the church serves as a community center and dispenses medicines and purified water, "The priest and the leadership are seen as helpers; where I come from we (the church) have to learn more about community."

Carlos Auston, second year seminarian from the Episcopal Church of Panama.

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