

ENEJ BUDGET NARRATIVE 2010-12

A major insight of the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ) in our twenty years of ministry is that ENEJ is not **the** group that “does economic justice” in the Church. Rather, our ministry is to support, encourage and facilitate the doing of economic justice by everyone in the church, particularly in the provinces of the Church and in the major networks. We have held stimulating conferences recently in Province VIII and Province IV. We are collaborating with Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation in presenting a resolution to this Convention on the cancellation of debt in very poor developing countries. And we have included in our working paper, “Twenty Years Later: a New Resolution”, chapters on the economic implications of immigration, the environment and war.

Since the last Convention in 2006, we have received \$15,000/year from TEC, which we have matched several times over by dues and donations from individuals, congregations, organizations and dioceses. At this time of major financial crisis that affects everyone, ENEJ requests from the Convention an additional \$35,000 for three years. This \$35,000 will be used to extend the work of the ENEJ to the provincial level and to support ENEJ’s collaboration with other networks, organizations, and institutions of the Church. The remaining \$50,000 will be set aside to support The Episcopal Church in creating the national loan fund envisioned originally by the 1988 economic justice resolution and called for again in a Convention resolution in 2000

We propose that the \$100,000 per year (2010-12) be used in the following ways:

1. Continue \$15,000 annually for ENEJ administrative costs.
2. \$50,000 per year to be set aside for the development of an economic justice loan fund in the Episcopal Church, that will accept deposits and contributions from the dioceses, congregations, organizations and members of the Church to support economic justice projects throughout the country, especially in areas with few economic resources. The ENEJ does not expect to be the administrator of these funds or this program, but, due to the direct experience of some of our members, we are willing to be part of a task force that will design the fund and assign administrative responsibility.
 - a. \$50,000 in 2010 to cover the expenses of designing and planning the new fund (technical assistance, research, meetings, etc.)
 - b. \$50,000 in 2011 to cover some operational costs of the start-up of the fund and some initial equity reserves.
 - c. \$50,000 in 2012 to provide for some operational costs and additional equity reserves.
3. \$20,000 per year for the development of provincial networks for economic justice. In 2008, in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Episcopal Urban Caucus and the ENEJ, we offered a one-day conference to participants from Province VIII. That conference was followed by another larger

gathering in Phoenix in the same year. ENEJ offered a similar conference this year in February in Mobile, AL (Province IV). Our long-range plan is to follow such conferences with ongoing organizing, training, and technical assistance which we are not able to afford within our present budget.

- a. \$10,000 per year to offer initial conferences in two provinces each year (2010-12)
 - b. \$10,000 per year to work within the provinces in which we have held conferences, helping them build their provincial networks: identifying ongoing economic justice ministries, encouraging new initiatives, offering continuing educational events, providing technical assistance from the entire ENEJ network. We will also foster resource-sharing within each provincial network. Our particular focus during this triennium will be working in provinces with high numbers of Native Americans, in concert with the Church's Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty.
4. \$15,000 per year to support ENEJ's increased collaboration with other networks in the Church which are significantly involved in economic justice work: the Episcopal Public Policy Network, Jubilee Ministries, the Episcopal Urban Caucus, the Environmental Network, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and the Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (MDGs), among others. Specifically during these three years, funding from The Episcopal Church will enable the ENEJ to:
- a. Collaborate with the Jubilee Ministries Network to enhance movement toward more empowerment through community organizing, community development models, and political action at the local and state levels (\$5,000/year for 2010-12)
 - b. Partially support the cost of a national forum in 2010 of theologians, economists and those in economic justice ministry on the nature of the economic crisis, on the moral dimensions of current economic justice issues and on recommended actions the Church can undertake to promote just economic policies in the United States. ENEJ will facilitate follow-up to the forum in 2011-12 by linking theological institutions and educators with those doing economic justice ministry in the broader Church. (\$15,000 for 3 years).
 - c. Support the Immigration Network in the Church for three years, at \$5,000/year, for the modest costs of their ministry: phone, travel, transportation, meetings and conferences.

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PROPOSED USES OF GRANT FROM TEC

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Administrative Costs	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Development of Provincial Network	20,000	20,000	20,000
Collaboration with Other Networks			
Jubilee Ministries Network	5,000	5,000	5,000
Theological Network	5,000	5,000	5,000
Immigration Network	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Economic Justice Loan Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000