

AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TO ENEJ MEMBERS:

We ask all of you in our ENEJ Network to support us in urging the passage of our six resolutions at the General Convention in Anaheim. We ask you to contact your diocese's deputation to speak in favor of these resolutions.

On the ENEJ website, at <http://www.enej.org/2009GC.htm>, we have posted the resolutions and some "talking points" about them that we hope will help you to talk with your deputation.

The first two resolutions concern the work of the ENEJ directly: advocacy for economic justice issues; community organizing with low and moderate income people; rebuilding neighborhoods through community development projects like housing corporations, small business incubators, and community development corporations; investment vehicles like community loan funds, development banks, and community development credit unions.

The ENEJ is the only organization in the church with the technical expertise in these areas of justice work. We are a network of bishops, dioceses, congregations, and members, all of whom have contributed to the work of the organization. At a time when the leadership of the church seeks to end domestic poverty, especially among the native peoples of this nation, and during this time of fiscal crisis that has caused so much suffering in low and moderate urban neighborhoods and rural counties, we request a small amount of money from the Episcopal Church. These additional dollars shall enable us to be present at the grass roots level of the church to provide needed technical assistance.

The next two resolutions deal with the fiscal crisis. One recommends a regulatory body at the international level to monitor economic relations among nations and multinational corporations and the other calls for increased regulations at the national level, particularly in the banking and financial sectors.

Finally, we present two additional resolutions of great economic importance to two other networks in the church: speaking with the immigration network for legislative reform for all involved in and affected by immigration to this country; and with the Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation to support their leadership promoting the Millennium Development Goals by further cancellation of debt of very poor countries.

We believe a word to your deputies before Convention will alert them to the importance of these resolutions for the life of the church, our country and our world. Please make these contacts as soon as possible.

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