

* FINAL VERSION - Concurred

Resolution: **A155**
Title: **To Establish a Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty**
Topic: **Poverty**
Committee: **10 - Social and Urban Affairs**
House of Initial Action: **Bishops**
Proposer: **Executive Council Jubilee Advisory Committee**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to nutrition, employment, childcare, education, healthcare, environment and housing, as well as equal protection under law and cultural affirmations; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church establish a community development initiative in Native People's communities in the new triennium, recognizing that Native People live in some of the poorest counties in the United States experiencing increasing disparities in income, economic security, health and healthcare, and quality of life; and be it further

Resolved, that this community development initiative emerge from the visions and voices of the local Native People's communities, address community development opportunities using asset-based community development models, identify key federal, state, and local advocacy issues and access the abundant human and financial resources of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council, working closely with the Advocacy Center, evaluate the community development initiative in Native People's communities; and be it further

Resolved, that the Advocacy Center sponsor asset based community development training held regionally throughout The Episcopal Church to hear the voices of people living in poverty and the working poor who are members of our Episcopal congregations and institutions; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council report to the 77th General Convention a strategic plan for establishing domestic development programs for The Episcopal Church in the 2013-2015 triennium and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$400,000 per annum in the 2010-2012 triennium for the implementation of this Resolution.