

**RESOLUTION FOR THE 134TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
APRIL 25 – 26, 2008**

Subject: **Diocesan engagement in the Millennium Development Goals.**

Originator: The Rev. David A. Brower

Resolved, that this 134th Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan urge every parish of the Diocese to undertake **or continue** a study program of the Millennium Development Goals during the coming year, **and share their resources with other congregations**, and be it further

Resolved, that every congregation be encouraged to engage in a specific plan of action aimed towards achieving those goals, and be it further

Resolved, that every congregation be encouraged to send at least one delegate to the Workshop on Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids to learn more about some of the excellent resource materials available for education and action on the Millennium Development Goals.

Rationale: The Episcopal Church through General Convention has endorsed the Millennium Development Goals and made their achievement by the year 2015 a matter of high priority. Our own Diocesan Convention has urged the affirmation and pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals. It is unclear to what extent individual parishes of the Diocese have seriously engaged in education and action on the Millennium Development Goals. The Workshop on May 31st will provide an ample guide to any congregation of resources available to begin to put their faith to work.