

**Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Funds Disbursement Resolution
of the 49th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwest Texas**

Resolved, that the Diocese continue to annually dedicate 0.7% of its budget to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and that, as a way of engaging and empowering our parishes and missions to live further into Christ's call to care for our sisters and brothers living in severe poverty, that the Diocese divide that amount of money equally by the same number of parishes and missions, assigning their vestry or other appointed committee to discern where their portion of that money would best be invested. Upon receipt of that decision by each parish/mission, the Diocese will then be responsible for the disbursement of those funds to the designated organizations. And that,

Furthermore, as General Convention 2006 urged, each parish/mission be challenged to augment those funds by dedicating 0.7% of their budget to the same, self-selected charitable organization that provides relief and/or development for those people who live on less than \$1 a day, as envisioned in the MDGs.

Explanation: Last year our diocese joined the dozens of other dioceses who have responded faithfully to the Episcopal Church's call to create partnerships, via the framework of the MDGs, with the 1 in 6 people in our world living on less than \$1 a day in tackling the root causes of injustice that lead to their poverty. This past year that full amount of 0.7% was designated to go to Episcopal Relief and Development for their MDG ministries. Though ERD continues to be an excellent way to support the MDGs, we acknowledge that many other groups, such as the Nobel Peace Prize winning Grameen Bank, The Hunger Project, and Church World Service, to name but a few, also engage this work in important and unique ways. By shifting the ability to our congregations and allowing them to investigate and discern where this funding should go, along with challenging them to add to it, we hope to further the main point of our supporting the MDGs, which is to deepen our relationship, solidarity and partnership with our sisters and brothers living in severe poverty and thereby to live into our Baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

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