

Subject: Budget Allocation to support Youth Initiatives

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this General Synod request that the Council of General Synod consider including Youth Initiatives in the budget for 2008-2010 to consolidate current initiatives and sustain existing projects and ministries not supported currently by the national budget.

Explanatory Note/Background Information

Since 2004, Ask & Imagine has been partnered with the Anglican Church of Canada in response to the initiative to develop youth leadership nationally. During the last triennium, Ask & Imagine was financially supported by Huron University College through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana under their grants program "Theological Education for High School Youth".

(In June 2006, short-term support to sustain this work was provided from the discretionary funds from 8 dioceses across Canada and the Primate's office when Ask & Imagine was in a transition between grant periods.)

In 2005, the Primate initiated a project to provide a national Anglican youth website for young Canadian Anglicans. This initiative was financially supported by a grant from Ecclesiastical Insurance (U.K.) and by proceeds from the Primate's dinners. This supported:

- Start-up, design and development costs for the website
- Site maintenance
- ¼ time staff position to edit the site, produce content with side responsibilities to coordinating youth initiatives and smaller projects emerging at the national level.

In 2004, the Eco-Justice committee conceived Justice Camps for Young Adults and others to engage young people with the work of faith-based justice initiatives. These initiatives have been mostly supported by individual fund-raising efforts and minimally supported by the Eco-Justice budget through budget reallocation.

In 2006, Huron University College and the Ask & Imagine program – in recognition of the significant work of this program, and the commitment of the wider church to its outcomes – received a matching grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. of \$425,000.00 over the next 4 years to continue these programs. Another part of that grant proposal was to