

118th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah

Report from the Global Mission Advocate

In support of the adoption of Resolution A016 at the 80th General Convention—in which Bishops from each diocese are encouraged to appoint at least one person to serve as a Global Mission Advocate—the Episcopal Diocese of Utah has recently appointed Lon Young to serve as a Global Mission Advocate.

One of the primary purposes of the Global Mission Advocates is to promote a set of Guiding Principles which are to serve as the foundation upon which the Church will engage global mission. Advocates also contribute to the Network of Global Mission Advocates, a collaboration among the Standing Commission of World Mission, the Office of Global Partnerships, and the Global Episcopal Mission Network formed to facilitate the sharing of best practices and to provide guidance on the application of the Guiding Principles. As local parishes and dioceses engage in global mission initiatives, the diocesan Global Mission Advocate will share and disseminate promising practices across the network that promote the Church's efforts to build Beloved Community throughout the world.

In his position as Global Mission Advocate, Lon Young has been participating in trainings with other newly-appointed advocates across the Episcopal Church. As the Global Mission Advocate Program is being developed, Lon Young and fellow advocates across the Church are (1) establishing relationships across various partnerships, (2) being introduced to the Guiding Principles, (3) preparing how best to share the newly-produced Global Mission Digital Toolkit and curriculum, and (4) providing feedback to the partnership, informed by local needs and circumstances.

As we commit ourselves to “becoming a world where love is the Way,” we find inspiration in the Standing Commission on World Mission's vision of “living into God's mission of reconciling love in a global context, crossing boundaries of differences, meeting Christ in one another, as we walk the way of Love together throughout the world in true relationship.”