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Resolution A112: Episcopal Network for Economic Justice Talking Points

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice is a membership organization arising out of the work that followed the church's implementation of GC resolution 1988-Taking Action for Economic Justice. The Network consists of several hundred individual, congregational and diocesan members. The requested funding will provide much needed resources to help the ENEJ assist the church in rising to the challenge of the current economic crisis.

The ENEJ Budget Narrative 2010-12

Each year since General Convention in 2006, the ENEJ has received \$15,000 per year from TEC, which it has increased several times over by raising dues and donations from individuals, congregations, organizations and dioceses. At this time of major financial crisis that affects everyone, the ENEJ requests added financial commitment from the Convention in two areas:

- 1- The ENEJ requests \$50,000 to support The Episcopal Church in expanding the scope of the loan fund envisioned originally by the 1988 economic justice resolution and called for again in a Convention resolution passed in 2000.
- 2- The ENEJ requests an additional \$35,000 for three years to extend its grass-roots work in the provinces and to support the ENEJ's collaboration with other networks, organizations, and institutions of the Church.

Additional Information:

1. Devote \$20,000 per year to expand and further develop provincial networks for economic justice. The ENEJ plans to hold provincial conferences followed by ongoing organizing, training, and technical assistance that the present budget does not afford.
 - a. \$10,000 per year to offer initial conferences in two provinces each year (2010-12)
 - b. \$10,000 per year to work within the provinces in which the ENEJ has held conferences, helping them build their provincial networks: identifying ongoing economic justice ministries, encouraging new initiatives, offering continuing educational events, providing technical assistance from the entire the ENEJ network. The ENEJ's particular focus during this triennium will be working in provinces with high numbers of Native Americans, in concert with the Church's Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty.



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2. \$15,000 per year to support the ENEJ's increased collaboration with other networks in the Church which are significantly involved in economic justice work:
- a. Collaborate with the Jubilee Ministries Network toward more empowerment through community organizing, community development models, and political action at the local and state levels (\$5,000/year for 2010-12)
 - b. Partially support the cost of a national forum in 2010 of theologians, economists and those in economic justice ministry. The ENEJ will facilitate follow-up to the forum in 2011-12 by linking theological institutions and educators with those doing economic justice ministry in the broader Church. (\$5,000/year for 3 years).
 - c. Support the Immigration Network in the Church for three years, at \$5,000/year, for the modest costs of their ministry: phone, travel, transportation, meetings and conferences.

Proposed Uses Of Grant From The Episcopal Church:

	2010	2011	2012
Administrative Costs	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Development of Provincial Networks	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Collaboration with Other Networks:			
Jubilee Ministries Network	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Theological Network	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Immigration Network	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Economic Justice Loan Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000