



**Convocation of American Churches in Europe**  
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**Resolution CACE 2005/1: Vision Statement**

This Convocation hereby affirms the following six priorities for mission, building on the work of “Mission 2006” (June 2005, Rastatt, Germany) and identified during the 2005 Convocation Convention (October 2005, Frankfurt, Germany), as:

- ♦ Young people
- ♦ Training and nurture
- ♦ Building new missions
- ♦ Spirituality and worship
- ♦ Social and environmental justice
- ♦ Leadership and visioning

## **VISION STATEMENT**

As a Convocation, together we affirm our commitment to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by worship, word and example to people of all nationalities and denominations.

This dynamic and mission-minded Convocation, following discussions in the parishes and missions, met in Rastatt, Germany, in June 2005, in an open consultation raising their vision for fulfilling God’s mission in Europe. These mission concerns were taken to Convocation Convention in October 2005 in Frankfurt, where they were further considered. Through this process the Convocation identified six priorities and a list of supporting activities that would advance those mission goals and serve as the focus of our efforts over the next five years. The six priorities, in the order in which the group voted, are:

1. **Young People:** “Bring church to our youth to bring youth to our church”: aim to realize the gifts of children and young people in our midst; aid them in learning to express their faith in word and example; encourage and affirm their active participation and contributions in all aspects of the life and councils of the Episcopal Church so that our young people can spread the Good News of Christ to all people.
2. **Training and Nurture:** Our Convocation is committed to providing education and formation in Christian Scripture, faith and life to empower both clergy and lay people for mission and ministry.
3. **Building Missions:** In obedience to the command to go into the world and preach the Gospel, the Convocation is to equip existing missions and to build new missions in response to needs discerned for an Episcopal community in the Anglican tradition where all can find support in their faith journeys.
4. **Spirituality and Worship:** We are called to assist the flourishing of our Christ-centered worshipping communities and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development in ways that reflect and build upon our

Anglican tradition and our diverse cultures and denominations through “worship that works”.

5. **Social and Environmental Justice:** It is of vital importance that we, the society of Christ, demonstrate an awareness of, and respect for, our integral relationship with the natural world, and our commitment to justice and peace in solidarity with all people.
6. **Leadership and Visioning:** Mission endeavors can only be successful if there is clear and deliberate communications, collaboration, mutual support and accountability, underpinned by clear structures and roles, all in the spirit of service to one another.

Recognizing the extraordinary and creative energy dedicated to identifying these priorities, a Strategy Group will distill these ideas and put into place specific structures, support, processes, events and/or tasks that will further these mission goals. This Strategy Group will endeavor to stay true to the creative energy and work done to date, with the aim of determining which activities should be taken up in the initial implementation phase of “Mission 2006,” leading up to Convention 2008.