

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
Diocese of Virginia Special Convention  
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**BR3 - Restore Full-Funding to Episcopal College Ministries (Line 19)**

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**Whereas** the Diocese of Virginia has upheld the priority and vital importance of Collegiate Ministries over many years; and

**Whereas** the Diocese is also fully committed to the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons and recognizing that essential ministry to LGBTQ+ persons is accomplished through College Ministries; and

**Whereas** ministry with and to young adults is essential to the health, vitality, and growth of the Episcopal Church in the twenty-first century; and

**Whereas** we the people of the church have pledged at their baptisms that, by our prayers and witness, we will help every Child of God grow into the full stature of Christ, including doing everything we can to financially support ministries integral to that promise; and

**Whereas** now more than ever, our young adults are observing adult Christians and leaders around them and seeking to find us living in the integrity of our faith, including sacrificial giving to the mission of the Church.

**Let it be resolved that the Draft Budget of the Diocese of Virginia for 2021 be amended to restore an additional \$20,000 to Episcopal College Ministries (Line 19):**

**The monies to restore this funding shall come from:**

**Line 17 - Committee on Aging: \$11,305**

Rationale: No other demographic or constituent group relies on the diocese to fund a gathering at Shrine Mont; and this ministry is not and has not been a stated or urgent priority in the Diocese while College Ministries is both.

**Line 33 - Stewardship of Creation: \$8,695**

Rationale: The funding allocated to Stewardship of Creation is to “allow a vision...to develop at the local and diocesan levels.” The urgency to fully fund College Ministries is immediate and known and fulfills a long-standing stated priority of the Diocese. This proposal reduces the monies to Stewardship of Creation.

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