

**A Memorial to the Church and Proposed Resolutions  
For the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church**

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### **A Memorial to the Church**

At particular junctures in our common life, members of the Episcopal Church have come together to call upon its people and leadership to read the signs of the times, to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and to act with boldness to proclaim the gospel in new contexts and situations. One concrete method that call can take is a Memorial to Church. We believe that we have reached one of those critical junctures in the life of our church, and respectfully submit a Memorial calling for the church to recommit itself to the spiritual disciplines at the core of our common life, to go into our neighborhoods boldly with church planters and church revitalizers, and to restructure our church for the mission God is laying before us today.

### **Creating Capacity to Plant Churches**

Believing that planting new churches is imperative in order to fulfill the Great Commission and help the church grow in this time of transition, we propose creating a churchwide network for church planting, in order to reach new people and new populations with the good news of the gospel. We propose that this network should consist of a number of interrelated parts:

- Funding five new seminary faculty positions in order to teach church planting methods to future lay and ordained leaders;
- Developing a churchwide church planting training program;
- Recruiting and training 40 to 50 new church planters this triennium, including providing internships for some planters in current church plants;
- Developing a bi-lingual and bicultural training program for lay and ordained leaders of Latino/Hispanic ministries;
- Providing \$1.5 million of grants in each year of the triennium to support diocesan church plants;
- Creating a task force of persons experienced in church planting to support and encourage this work; and
- Providing staff positions, including support staff, to coordinate the program.

### **Revitalization of Congregations**

We propose empowering existing congregations to do the work of following Jesus into the neighborhood, traveling lightly, by providing training, conferences, resources, and people to consult with congregations about ministry and revitalization in their contexts. The resolution provides grants for congregations doing this work, especially those reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church that have a high potential for growth.

### **Permit Dioceses to Explore Shared Ministry and Collaboration**

We propose a constitutional change which will make it possible for dioceses to merge when one or both merging dioceses do not have a sitting bishop. We think this is important because it is precisely in transitional moments when new possibilities may emerge. The current process -- with its many safeguards and checks -- remains otherwise unchanged.

We also propose canonical changes to allow dioceses to explore mutual ministries together. Specifically, we suggest that dioceses may wish to share a Commission on Ministry. They may also wish to share a bishop, which is currently not possible due to the requirement that a bishop must live within the diocese she or he serves. Dioceses, as long as they exist as

corporate entities, would continue to be required to maintain Standing Committees and Finance Committees. Current Title IV disciplinary measures already allow shared structures among dioceses.

### **Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections**

We propose a task force to study episcopal elections and report to the 79th General Convention with possible changes to our current process of discernment, nomination, election, and transition of bishops, including the selection and training of transition consultants. We also propose that this task force be given the authority to work with the Office of Pastoral Development to provide updated and digitized resources for dioceses in search processes. We have requested significant funding in order to make the updating work possible.

### **Amend Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution**

We propose a change to the Constitution to allow Joint Sessions of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to occur. This change seems necessary both to allow the current practice of both Houses sitting together in Joint Sessions to receive reports, as well as any future canonical changes that may offer different ways of structuring how our Houses choose to deliberate together.

### **Budget Process for the Episcopal Church**

Our current canons contain a number of unclear, conflicting, and outdated budget procedures. We propose updating them to reflect current practice regarding budget development and oversight. In addition, we propose changing the provisions regarding the support asked from dioceses to clarify that full support is expected from all dioceses, and that dioceses that do not comply with the full assessment amount, and that do not receive a waiver from Executive Council, may be subject to some sanctions, including ineligibility for DFMS grants or loans, and ineligibility of lay, clergy, or bishops from those dioceses to be elected or appointed to church-wide bodies.

### **Clarify Officers of The Episcopal Church**

We propose a change in the office of the Executive Director of The Episcopal Church (ED). The ED will be nominated by the Presiding Officers and appointed by Executive Council, reporting to Executive Council. The ED will be responsible for all staff except for the staff directly allocable to the offices of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and the staff of the Office of the General Convention. The ED will ensure that churchwide staff are working toward strategic priorities set by General Convention and Executive Council, under the leadership of the Presiding Bishop. This change will free up the Presiding Bishop to be the chief pastor of our bishops and to be a public voice of the church. The PB will be the President of DFMS, the chair of the board of directors and the chair of Executive Council, and the leader who guides the Council and staff in setting strategic priorities for the church. The President of the House of Deputies (PHoD) will be the Vice President of DFMS, vice chair of the board of directors, and vice chair of Executive Council. We have also included a provision to provide a stipend for the PHoD. We believe that this structure will bring together staff and governance structure in a collaborative, working team which will better serve the church.

Under our proposal, there is an Executive Officer of General Convention, who will fulfill the functions of Secretary of General Convention and lead the Office of General Convention, and also serve as corporate secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. There will no longer be a separate canonical position of Secretary of General Convention.

The current canons name several distinct roles, and it is unclear how they interrelate: Treasurer of General Convention, Treasurer of Executive Council, Chief Financial Officer, etc. The proposed revisions clarify that there is one elected Treasurer of The Episcopal Church, who also serves as the Treasurer of General Convention, of the Executive Council, and of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This person need not be the same as the staff position of Chief Financial Officer, who will report to the Executive Director.

We propose adding the position of General Counsel of The Episcopal Church, who will advise the Executive Council and General Convention Office on legal matters. The presiding officers may still name their own chancellors, but may also use the services of the General Counsel. This person need not be the same as the staff person of Chief Legal Officer, who will report to the Executive Director.

All of these positions - Executive Director, Executive Officer of General Convention, Treasurer of The Episcopal Church, and General Counsel of The Episcopal Church - would be nominated by the presiding officers and elected by Executive Council. They would report to Executive Council, and Council could terminate any of them by a two-thirds vote.

### **Eliminate Provinces**

First established over a hundred years ago after decades of discussion, provinces have served their useful purpose. In today's age of easy travel, we wish to open up collaborative possibilities beyond the constrained boundaries of provinces, to permit shared ministry across current lines, if desired. This layer of denominational structure serves little purpose today other than to ensure geographic diversity on certain committees. We believe that we can ensure continued geographic diversity without rigid lines, similar to our current practice of seeking diversity of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. Interest-based provincial networks, such as young adult gatherings, deployment officer gatherings, etc., can continue to meet under this change; there is nothing that requires a governance structure to exist in order to allow an affinity group to meet. Removing the provincial structure allows such affinity gatherings to choose the geographic groupings that make the most sense in their context. This change will free up resources currently spent on maintaining an outmoded structural model.

At the same time, we wish to acknowledge the good work of the dioceses in Province IX, and the particular circumstances of our international dioceses. This resolution calls for their continued support, and for our Presiding Officers to continue to include participation from dioceses outside of the United States in the church's committees and commissions.

Since Title IV currently uses a Provincial Court of Review, we propose the creation of a single churchwide Court of Review. We believe that a churchwide court will be an equally satisfactory alternative to the current structure.

Eliminating provinces also allows the numbers of members on certain committees to be adjusted, since provincial representation is no longer needed. Specifically, we propose to change the following:

- Executive Council from 38 members to 30
- The Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop from 29 to 20

- Increase the Official Youth Presence from 18 to up to 24.

**A Memorial to the Church**

To the Deputies and Bishops of The Episcopal Church assembled at the 78th General Convention:

*Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did. So there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:4-6,8*

In the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the newly formed church of disciples of the risen Savior found itself in a new situation. No longer could Christians depend on traditional ways of following Jesus and traditional places in which to do it. Driven out of their comfortable existence praying in the Temple in Jerusalem and waiting for the kingdom to come, they found themselves in new and unexpected neighborhoods, developing new ways of proclaiming the Word. Yet they found that the crowds were eager to hear the Good News of Christ and welcomed it with joy. The very loss of the old ways of being the church gave them opportunities to expand and multiply the reach of Christ's loving embrace.

Our beloved Episcopal Church is in a similar situation. We must find new ways of proclaiming the gospel in varied and ever changing neighborhoods. Old ways of being the church no longer apply. We can no longer settle for complacency and comfort. We can no longer claim to dominate the political and social landscape. We can no longer wait inside our sanctuaries to welcome those who want to become Episcopalian.

We have a choice before us. We can continue, valiantly and tragically, to try to save all the rights and privileges we have previously enjoyed. We can continue to watch our church dwindle until it someday becomes an endowed museum to the faith of our forebears. We can continue business as usual until we lose our common life entirely.

Or we can lose our life for Jesus' sake so that we might save it.

We, the undersigned, hold dear the Episcopal Church and believe passionately in the gift this church offers. Washed in the waters of Baptism and nourished from the deep springs of word and sacrament, we experience the power of God's presence as we open the Scriptures and celebrate the Eucharist. We stand in awe of the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the power of the triune God to love, to forgive, to make whole. We know the joy of serving God through serving others. We long for a world with every unjust structure toppled. We love this church enough to yearn for it to be transformed.

We recognize the importance of this present moment. We join the Task Force for Reimagining the Church in calling for the church to follow Jesus into the neighborhood, traveling lightly. Our deepest hopes and aspirations are not dependent upon any particular act of this Convention. Many essential steps are found in the daily walk of discipleship undertaken by congregations and individuals throughout the church, and we commend the work of many who are helping the church adopt these discipleship practices. This Convention, however, has the opportunity to act on a number of matters that can support God's faithful people, our parishes and missions, and

our dioceses in living out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Specifically, we call upon the people of the Episcopal Church to:

- Recommit to reading scripture, praying daily, gathering weekly for corporate worship, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom, knowing that engaging in these practices brings personal and corporate transformation;
- Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, including learning how to tell the story of how Jesus makes a difference in our lives, even and especially to those who have not experienced true transformation;
- Pray and fast for the Holy Spirit to add day by day to those who come within the reach of Christ's saving embrace;
- Encounter Jesus Christ through loving service to those in need and through seeking justice and peace among all people.

And we call upon those bishops and deputies gathered for Convention to the following actions as specific ways we may enter this time of transition in a spirit of exploration, discovering the gifts that the Holy Spirit has for us in this moment:

- Engage creatively, openly, and prayerfully in reading the signs of the times and discerning the particular ways God is speaking to the Episcopal Church now;
- Pray, read the scriptures, and listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's guidance in electing a new Presiding Bishop and other leaders, in entering into creative initiatives for the spread of the kingdom, and in restructuring the church for mission;
- Fund evangelism initiatives extravagantly: training laborers to go into the harvest to revitalize existing congregations and plant new ones; forming networks and educational offerings to train and deploy church planters and revitalizers who will follow Jesus into all kinds of neighborhoods; and creating training opportunities for bilingual and bi-cultural ministry;
- Release our hold on buildings, structures, comfortable habits, egos, and conflicts that do not serve the church well;
- Remove obstacles embedded in current structures, however formerly useful or well-meaning, that hinder new and creative mission and evangelism initiatives;
- Refocus our energies from building up a large, centralized, expensive, hierarchical church-wide structure, to networking and supporting mission at the local level, where we all may learn how to follow Jesus into all of our neighborhoods.

Like those early followers of Christ, we find ourselves being scattered out of familiar and comfortable places and ways of being the church. Rather than be ruled by memory and consumed by fear, we can embrace this crisis, trusting that the Lord of Life will give us everything we need to spread the Gospel, proclaim the kingdom, and share the love of God. May God grant great joy in every city and neighborhood into which we go.

Respectfully submitted,

### **Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the 78th General Convention create a church-wide network for church planting that will include: establishing seminary faculty focusing on church planting, recruitment of up to 50 potential church planters this triennium; training of potential church planters including sending some planters to training conferences and providing church planting internships for some planters; providing grants to support up to fifty new church plants this triennium; and creating the capacity to continue to recruit and train fifty new church planters each triennium while supporting up to 50 new church plants each triennium, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the budget for creating this church-planting network will be \$8,433,800 million to be allocated as follows:

\$ 900,000 for the creation of three seminary faculty positions (\$300,000 per year);  
\$ 100,000 for the development of a church planting training program;  
\$ 90,000 for the recruitment of church planters (\$30,000 per year);  
\$1,093,800 for training of potential of potential church planters;  
\$1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders for Latino/Hispanic ministries;  
\$ 750,000 for staff to support this program;  
\$4,500,000 for grants to support up to fifty new church plants, with the size of grant depending on the context and needs of the church plant;

and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church Development Office is directed to prioritize raising funds for church planting, with the expectation that \$2 million will be raised this triennium to support church planting and a network of donors interested in church planting will be developed to raise up to \$5 million each year in future trienniums; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Dioceses receiving new church plants under this program will contribute a minimum of 20% of the costs of any new plants in their Diocese; and be it further

*Resolved*, the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint a task force of not more than twelve people, consisting of those with experience in church planting, diocesan oversight of church planting, and academics working with evangelism and mission, to carry out the provisions of this resolution, including developing criteria for receiving grants, providing a reporting process, making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to select potential church planters, and developing a network of coaches and internship sites, and that this task force shall include a number of people experienced in the ministry of planting churches; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of church plants on an ongoing basis, through news stories, video, and other means, and

through developing a website that provides detailed information about the various church plant initiatives happening throughout the church; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$6,433,800 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Resolution: Revitalization of Congregations**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention shall promote the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network; and be it further

*Resolved*, that a churchwide staff position be created to facilitate the creation of this network and coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders; and be it further

*Resolved*, that a network of regional consultants be identified and trained in congregational revitalization, who shall be available to congregations in varying parts of the church to consult with them on revitalization efforts; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the staff leader and the network of consultants shall provide training opportunities for congregational clergy and lay leaders in order to help them re-vision their purpose, use of space, outreach to their communities, evangelism efforts, and new ways of proclaiming the gospel of Christ; and be it further

*Resolved*, that Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund be created to fund grants to existing congregations, with special attention given to congregations reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church that have a high potential for growth in their contexts; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Development Office be directed to make raising \$300,000 for the Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund one of its priorities in the 2016-18 triennium; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance be requested to consider an allocation of \$700,000 for the 2016-18 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION: The Taskforce for Reimagining The Episcopal Church has encouraged all congregations to follow Jesus into the neighborhood, traveling lightly. This resolution empowers congregations to do this work by providing training, resources, and people to consult with congregations about ministry and revitalization in their contexts. The resolution provides grants for congregations doing this work, especially those reaching out to populations that are underrepresented in The Episcopal Church that have a high potential for growth.

### **Permit Dioceses to Explore Shared Ministry and Collaboration**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention wishes to provide flexibility so that Dioceses may explore opportunities for shared ministry and collaboration; and be it further

*Resolved* That Canon III.2.1 and Canon III.12.4(a) are amended as follows:

#### **Canon III.2.1**

In each Diocese there shall be a Commission on Ministry ("Commission") consisting of Priests, Deacons, if any, and Lay Persons. The Canons of each Diocese shall provide for the number of members, terms of office, and manner of selection to the Commission. *Any Diocese may agree in writing with one or more other Dioceses to share a Commission on Ministry.*

#### **Canon III.12.4(a)**

Each Bishop serving in a Diocese shall reside in that Diocese, *except that a Standing Committee may consent to a Bishop residing in another Diocese where that Bishop is also serving.*

### **Amend Article V of the Constitution**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* for that purpose; or, with the approval of the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority*, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* of each Diocese. ~~In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled.~~ After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

**Create a Task Force to Study Episcopal Elections and Appointments of Bishops**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that a Task Force on the Episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of four bishops, four presbyters or deacons, and eight lay persons; and be it further

*Resolved*, that at least one member of the Task Force will have been a finalist in an Episcopal search who did not receive enough votes for election in the last three years; at least one member of the Task Force will have served as a Transition Consultant in an Episcopal search over the past three years; and at least two members of the Task Force will have served on an Episcopal Search and/or Transition Committee in an Episcopal search process over the past three years; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Task Force will study the election, appointment, roles, and responsibilities of the Episcopate, including the use of Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan, Provisional Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Assistant Bishops in this Church; looking specifically at the particular gifts, life experience, and expertise required for episcopal office; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Task Force will pay particular attention to the recent trend away from a diverse House of Bishop, and seek ways to encourage diversity in the Episcopate; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Task Force will propose to the 79th General Convention a new process for discernment, nomination, formation, search, election, and transition of bishops in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to: the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Pastoral Development; the selection of, roles and responsibilities of Transition Consultants; how adjoining dioceses may aid and inform the discernment of a diocese in transition; and any required Constitutional and Canonical changes necessary; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Task Force will work with the Office of Pastoral Development to develop best practices and educational materials to be published electronically and made publicly available, and may use some of its budget to retain consultants who will help with this task; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Amend Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution**

Resolved, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate separately, *unless a Joint Session is provided for by the Canons or the Presiding Officers shall together call for a Joint Session which is approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies*; and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

**Resolution: Budget Process for the Episcopal Church**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the 78th General Convention amend the Canons in order to conform the canonical budget process to the current practice of the Church, and be it further,

*Resolved*, that full payment of the assessments asked of dioceses be made mandatory of each diocese, with an appeal process that allows Executive Council to grant waivers; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Canon 1.1.8, Canon I.1.11, Canon I.1.13(b), Canon I.2.6, Canon I.4.6, and Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies 10(c) be amended as follows:

## Canon I.1.8

Sec. 8. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget to provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary ~~stipend-expenses~~ of the President of the House of Deputies *together with the necessary expenses of that office*, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the Convention shall adopt as part of this Expense Budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention annually, on the first Monday of January, the amount of the assessment levied upon that Diocese.

## Canon I.1.11

Sec. 11. The ~~Treasurer~~ *Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance* shall submit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof a detailed budget ~~in which the Treasurer proposes to request appropriations~~ for the ensuing budgetary period. *The Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, under the direction of the Treasurer and Executive Council*, shall have power to expend all sums of money covered by this budget, subject to such provisions of the Canons as shall be applicable.

## Canon I.1.13(b)

(b) The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention ~~Expense~~ Budget.

## Canon I.2.6

Sec. 6. The stipends of the Presiding Bishop and such personal assistants as may be necessary during the Presiding Bishop's term of office for the effective performance of the duties, and the necessary expenses of that office, shall be fixed by the General Convention and shall be provided for in the budget to be submitted by the ~~Treasurer~~ *Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance*, as provided in the Canon entitled, "Of the General Convention."

Canon I.4.6

Sec. 6 (a) The Executive Council shall submit to *the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance* ~~the General Convention at each regular session thereof~~ the proposed Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. *The proposed budget shall be submitted not less than four months before the ensuing General Convention is convened.*

~~(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.~~

~~(c) (b)~~ The budget proposed for adoption by the General Convention shall include provision for support for ~~the Program~~ *all expenditures* of the Episcopal Church. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.

~~(d) (c)~~ Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single ~~asking~~ *assessment* of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget, and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

*(d) Full payment of the diocesan assessment shall be expected of all dioceses. Any diocese may appeal to Executive Council for a Waiver of the required assessment, in full or in part, on the basis of financial hardship, a stated plan for working toward full payment, or other reasons as agreed with Executive Council. Failure to make full payment or to receive a Waiver shall render bishops, clergy, and lay persons from the diocese ineligible for appointment or election to an office in the church-wide structure, and shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This provision shall take effect with the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention.*

~~(e)~~ After the preparation of the budget the ~~Executive Council~~ *Chief Financial Officer* shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed ~~askings~~ *assessment* necessary to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church. The ~~Executive Council~~ *Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance* shall also submit to the

General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the ~~askings~~ *assessments* of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.

(f) There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of the Budget for the Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention. The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6~~(d)~~ (c) of this Canon. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the budget approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

(g) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a Budget for the Episcopal Church and the planned ~~askings~~ *assessments* for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese of its share of the total ~~askings~~ *assessments* to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church.

(h) Each Diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the ~~askings~~ *assessments* of such Diocese. Each Diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the ~~asking~~ *assessments* of the Diocese by the ~~Executive Council~~ *Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance* in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Convention. Canon I.4.6(k)

*In respect of the Budget for the Episcopal Church, the Executive Council shall have the power to consider and vote to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant; and it shall likewise have the power to grant waivers from the full required annual assessments of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.*

## Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies

### II Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

10. (c) During the interim between regular Meetings of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and to the Executive Council, holding such meetings as may be deemed necessary for the purpose. Meetings of the Joint Standing Committee shall be called by the Chair, or upon the request of any five members thereof. ~~In respect of the Budget for the Episcopal Church, the Joint Standing Committee shall have the power to consider, and either by vote by mail, or in meeting assembled, to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant; and it shall likewise have the power to adjust the annual askings of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.~~

With regard to the General Church Program, the Joint Standing Committee shall:

(i) Meet and consult with the Executive Council, or its Administration and Finance Committee, on adjustments to the program priorities, and on alternate income generating resources;

- (ii) Receive from the Executive Council, not less than four months prior to the meeting of General Convention, the proposed ~~General Church Program~~ *budget* for the upcoming triennium, including a proposed detailed Budget for the year next following that of such Convention;
- (iii) Meet in such places as it shall determine, sufficiently in advance of the next General Convention to expedite its work;
- (iv) Conduct hearings upon such proposed Program and Budget; and
- (v) Consider such proposed Program and Budget and report thereon to the next succeeding General Convention.

#### EXPLANATION

When the current canons related to the budget process were last amended, a distinction still existed among budget areas for canons, corporate, and program expenses. Those distinctions are no longer relevant, as the budget process has evolved differently. These canonical changes conform the canons to current practice of considering the budget as a whole.

In addition, the proposed changes help all dioceses participate in the full life of the church by encouraging them to pay the full assessment, and when that is not possible, to have a process for a waiver that can be granted in recognition of special circumstances, at the discretion of Executive Council.

**Resolution: Clarify Officers of The Episcopal Church**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention clarify the roles of the officers of the Episcopal Church, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and General Convention, providing clear lines of authority and accountability; be it further

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop shall continue to be the President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; chair of Executive Council; the Primate and Chief Pastor of The Episcopal Church; shall be charged with responsibility for visionary leadership in initiating and developing the policy and strategy for the Episcopal Church as to the policies, strategies and programs authorized by the General Convention; shall speak God's words to the church and to the world, as the representative of this Church and its episcopate in its corporate capacity; in the event of an Episcopal vacancy within a diocese, consult with the Ecclesiastical Authority to ensure that adequate interim Episcopal services are provided; take order for the consecration of bishops when duly elected; from time to time assemble the bishops of this Church to meet; preside over meetings of the House of Bishops; make pastoral visits to every diocese of this church; and all other such functions as designated in these canons or by Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the President of the House of Deputies shall be the Vice President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and vice chair of Executive Council, and all other such functions as designated in these canons or by Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, that there shall be an Executive Director, who shall supervise all churchwide staff other than those specifically appointed to support the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, or the Executive Officer of General Convention; and the Executive Director shall be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and elected by Executive Council, and may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, that there shall be an Executive Officer of General Convention, who shall be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and elected by Executive Council, and may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, that there shall be a Treasurer of The Episcopal Church, who shall report the financial status of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to General Convention and the Executive Council, and who shall be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and elected by Executive Council, and may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, that there shall be a General Counsel of The Episcopal Church, who shall be a trained legal professional, and who shall be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and elected by Executive Council, and may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of Executive Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, Canon I.1.1(c), Canon I.1.1(e), Canon I.1.1(f), Canon I.1 (j), Canon I.1.5 (a), Canon I.1.5 (e), Canon I.1.6 (e), Canon I.1.7 (a), Canon I.1.7(b), Canon I.1.8, Canon I.1.9, Canon I.1.13(a), Canon I.1.13(b), Canon I.1.14(d), Canon I.1.14(e), Canon I.2.8, Canon I.3.III, Canon I.4.1(a), Canon I.4.1(c), Canon I.4.3(a), Canon I.4.3(c), Canon I.4.3(d), Canon I.4.3(e), Canon I.4.3 (i), Canon I.4.3 (j), Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 10(a), Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 12, Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 15, Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 16(a), Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 16(d), Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 17, Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 20 be amended as follows:

Canon I.1.1(c)

(c) In order to aid the Secretary in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the ~~Secretary of the House of Deputies~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention*, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention* shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

Canon I.1.1(e)

(e) It shall be the duty of the ~~Secretary of the House of Deputies~~, *Executive Officer of General Convention*, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, and written evidence that the foregoing requirement has been complied with shall be presented by the ~~Secretary to the Executive Officer of General Convention~~ at its next session. All such notices shall be sent by certified or registered mail, with the Secretary's certificates to be returned. The ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* shall notify all diocesan Secretaries that it is their duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of their respective Dioceses at their next meeting, and to certify to the ~~Secretary of the House of Deputies~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention* that such action has been taken.

Canon I.1.1(f)

(f) The Secretary of the House of Deputies, *the Executive Officer of General Convention*, and the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church* shall be entitled to seats upon the floor of the House, and, with the consent of the President, they may speak on the subjects of their respective offices.

Canon I.1 (j)

(j) At every regular meeting of the General Convention, the ~~Secretary elected by the House of Deputies shall, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention, also be made~~

~~the Secretary of the General Convention, who~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention* shall have responsibility for assembling and printing of the Journal of the General Convention, and for other matters specifically referred to the ~~Secretary-Executive Officer~~.

Canon I.1.5 (a)

(a) ~~The Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* of the General Convention shall, *ex officio*, be the Registrar of the General Convention, whose duty it shall be to receive all Journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents or articles that are, or shall become, the property of either House of the General Convention, and to transmit the same to the Archives of the Church as prescribed by the Archivist.

Canon I.1.5 (e)

(e) ~~The necessary expenses incurred under this Section shall be paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church*.

Canon I.1.6 (e)

(e) ~~The necessary expenses incurred under this Section by the Recorder shall be paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church*.

Canon I.1.7 (a)

(a) ~~At every regular meeting of the General Convention, a Treasurer (who may also be Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council) shall be elected by concurrent action of the two Houses, and shall remain in office until a successor shall be elected. It shall be the~~ *The Treasurer of The Episcopal Church* ~~duty to~~ *shall* receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be prescribed; and, ~~with the advice and approval of the Presiding Bishop and the Treasurer~~ *under the direction* of the Executive Council, to invest, from time to time, such surplus funds as may be on hand. The Treasurer's account shall be rendered to the Convention at each regular meeting, and shall be audited at the direction of a committee ~~acting under its authority of Executive Council~~.

Canon I.1.7(b)

(b) ~~In case of a vacancy, by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the office of Treasurer of the General Convention, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint a Treasurer, who shall hold office until a successor is elected. In case of temporary inability of the Treasurer to act, from illness or other cause, the same officials shall appoint an Acting Treasurer who shall perform all duties of the Treasurer until the Treasurer is able to resume them.~~

Canon I.1.8.

Sec.8 The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget to provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the

Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the Convention shall adopt as part of this Expense Budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to forward to the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church* annually, on the first Monday of January, the amount of the assessment levied upon that Diocese.

Canon 1.1.9.

~~Sec.9. The Treasurer of the General Convention shall have authority to borrow, in behalf and in the name of the General Convention, such a sum as may be judged by the Treasurer to be necessary to help defray the expenses of the General Convention, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council.~~

Canon I.1.13(a)

(a) There shall be an Executive Office of the General Convention, to be headed by a General Convention Executive Officer to be ~~appointed jointly~~ *nominated* by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies ~~with the advice and consent of~~ *and elected by* the Executive Council. The Executive Officer shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Council, *and may be terminated from employment by a two-thirds vote of Executive Council.*

Canon I.1.13(b)

(b) The Executive Office of the General Convention shall ~~include the functions of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who be responsible for managing General Convention and Executive Council meetings, and shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies and any other interim bodies or task forces funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.~~

Canon I.1.14(d)

(d) Upon the final selection of and the arrangements for the site for that General Convention, the Joint Committee shall advise the ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* of the General Convention, who shall communicate the determination to the Dioceses.

Canon I.1.14(e)

(e) Within such guidelines as may have been established by the General Convention regarding the date and length of future General Conventions, and pursuant to the reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments with the Dioceses and operators of facilities within the Diocese in which the next General Convention will be held, the Joint Committee shall fix the date and the length of the next succeeding Convention, report the same to the ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* of the General Convention and include the same in its report to the Convention. In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date or length previously fixed, the Joint Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, who, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, may fix a different date or length or both.

Canon I.2.8

Sec.8 Upon the acceptance of the Presiding Bishop's resignation for reasons of disability prior to

the expiration of the term of office, the Presiding Bishop may be granted, in addition to whatever allowance may be received from The Church Pension Fund, a disability allowance to be paid by the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church* in an amount to be fixed by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, and ratified at the next regular meeting of the General Convention.

### Canon I.3.III

Article III. The officers of the Society shall be a President, *a* Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the Canons or By-laws. The Presiding Bishop of the Church shall be the President of the Society; ~~one~~ *the* Vice President shall be the person who is the President of the House of Deputies; ~~and one Vice President shall be the person who is the Chief Operating Officer;~~ the Treasurer shall be ~~the Treasurer of The Episcopal Church, Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council;~~ and the Secretary shall be the person who is the ~~Secretary of the Executive Council~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention*, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the By-laws. The other officers of the Society shall be such as are provided for by the By-laws of the Society. The tenure of office, compensation, powers, and duties of the officers of the Society shall be such as are prescribed by the Canons and by the By-laws of the Society not inconsistent therewith.

### Canon I.4.1(a)

(a) There shall be an Executive Council of the General Convention (which Council shall generally be called simply the Executive Council) whose duty it shall be to carry out the program and policies adopted by the General Convention *and to develop a strategy for implementing those policies and priorities*. The Executive Council shall have charge of the coordination, development, and implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church.

### Canon I.4.1(c)

(c) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following *ex officio* members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; ~~and~~ (d) the ~~Chief Operating Officer~~ *Executive Director*, the ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer of General Convention*, the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church*, and the *General Counsel of The Episcopal Church*, ~~and the Chief Financial Officer~~, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

### Canon I.4.3(a)

(a) The Presiding Bishop shall be *ex officio* the Chair and President. The Chair and President

~~shall be the chief executive officer of the Executive Council and as such the Chair and President shall have ultimate responsibility for leading Executive Council in creating a strategic vision for the church based on the priorities set by General Convention. the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.~~

Canon I.4.3(c)

(c) The ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* of the General Convention shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council *ex officio*.

Canon I.4.3(d)

(d) The Presiding Bishop *and the President of the House of Deputies* shall ~~appoint~~ *nominate*, with the advice and consent of a majority of the ~~and~~ Executive Council *shall elect*, an Executive Director, who shall be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing or a member of the clergy of this Church in good standing, ~~who shall be the chief operating officer and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Bishop and~~ be accountable to the Presiding Bishop ~~Executive Council. The Executive Council shall have the power to terminate the Executive Director with a two-thirds vote.~~ If a vacancy should occur in the office of the executive director, a successor shall be ~~appointed~~ *elected* in like manner.

Canon I.4.3(e)

(e) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a ~~Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council, who may, but need not, be the same person as the Treasurer of the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church*, and who shall report and be accountable to the ~~Chair of Executive Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair of~~ *may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council.* If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be ~~appointed~~ *elected* in like manner.

Canon I.4.3 (i)

(i) The additional officers, agents and employees of the Council shall be such and shall perform such duties as the Council ~~upon the recommendation and under the authority and direction of the Chair and President~~, may from time to time designate, *with such staff acting under the direction of the Executive Director, except for staff acting specifically under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, and the Executive Officer of General Convention.*

Canon I.4.3 (j)

(j) *Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a General Counsel of The Episcopal Church, who shall be knowledgeable on legal matters, secular and canonical, and shall advise the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Council on legal matters, and who shall report and be accountable to the Executive Council and may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be elected in like manner.*

Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 10(a)

10. (a) There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting

of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies.

The ~~Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* and the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council~~ *The Episcopal Church* shall be members *ex officio*, without vote.

The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

#### Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 12

12. Each proposal for legislative consideration which includes the language of a proposed addition to or amendment of an existing Constitutional or Canonical provision shall be drawn, insofar as may reasonably be possible, (1) so as to indicate in Roman type the portion, if any, of the existing Constitutional or Canonical provision proposed to be retained, (2) so as to indicate in italic or underlined type the new language proposed to be inserted or added, and (3) so as to indicate, by Roman type which has been stricken through, manually or otherwise, the language of the existing Constitutional or Canonical provision proposed to be eliminated. Each such proposal calling for action shall designate the individual or body for communication and implementation, but if no such designation is included in the resolution as adopted, it shall be referred to the ~~Office of the Secretary~~ *Executive Officer* of General Convention for communication and implementation.

No proposal for legislative consideration which approves, endorses, adopts, or rejects a report, study, or other document that is not generally known by the members of the House or readily available may be considered by the General Convention unless such material is first distributed to both Houses. It is the responsibility of the proposer to provide the necessary copies to the Secretary of each House.

#### Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 15

15. The ~~Executive Officer of Secretary of the House of Deputies, being the Secretary of the~~ General Convention, shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the House of *Deputies and the Secretary of the House of Bishops*, and of such Bishops as may be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, prepare a summary of the actions of the General Convention of particular interest to the Congregations of the Church, and make the same available to the Congregations, through the Ministers-in-charge thereof, and to the Lay Deputies; such summary to be sent to the Clergy along with the Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops, and to be made available to all Deputies on the last day of the Convention, along with such Pastoral Letter, if feasible to do so, or within thirty days thereafter.

#### Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 16(a)

16.(a) There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the General Convention, which shall have responsibility between Conventions for the matters indicated by its title. The Committee shall be composed, *ex officio*, of the Executive Officer of the General Convention, the Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Chairs of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business of the two Houses, the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *the Episcopal Church*, the

President and First Vice-President of the Episcopal Church Women, the General Convention Manager and one Presbyter or Deacon and one Lay Person appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. In the case of a General Convention for which a meeting site has been selected, the Committee shall also include the Bishop and the General Chairman of Arrangements of the local Committee of the Dioceses in which that General Convention shall be held.

Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 16(d)

16.(d) The Committee shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Presidents of the two Houses, the Chair of the Committee, the Executive Officer of the General Convention, the Treasurer of ~~the General Convention~~ *The Episcopal Church*, and the General Convention Manager.

Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 17

17. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, which shall submit nominations for the election of:

- (a) Trustees of The Church Pension Fund, serving as the Joint Committee referred to in Canon I.8.2.
- (b) Members of the Executive Council under Canon I.4.1(c).
- (c) The Secretary of the House of Deputies ~~and the Treasurer of the General Convention~~ under Canon I.1.1(j).
- (d) Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
- (e) General Board of Examining Chaplains.
- (f) Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies 20

20. Except for the Secretary *of the House of Deputies*, ~~and the Treasurer of the General Convention~~, the said Committee is instructed to nominate a number, equal to at least twice the number of vacancies, which shall be broadly representative of the constituency of this Church; to prepare biographical sketches of all nominees; and to include such nominations and sketches in the *Blue Book*, or otherwise to circulate them among Bishops and Deputies well in advance of the meeting of the next succeeding General Convention; this procedure, however, not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.

## Eliminate Provinces

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the 78th General Convention eliminate provincial structures in the Episcopal Church; and be it further,

*Resolved*, that the good work of the Province IX Sustainability Project be continued; and be it further

*Resolved*, that all dioceses outside the United States continue to receive churchwide budgetary resources and staff support as needed; and be it further

*Resolved* that the Canon I.1.14(c), Canon 1.2.1(a), Canon 1.2.1(b), Canon 1.2.1(c), Canon 1.4.1(c), Canon 1.4.2(a), Canon 1.4.3(c), Canon 1.4.3(d), Canon 1.4.6(e), Canon 1.7.1, Canon 1.9, Canon 1.11.2(f), Canon 1.11.3(c), Canon 1.15.10(a), Canon III.5.1(c), Canon III.11.1(b), Canon III.11.5, Canon III.11.8(a), Canon III.11.9(c)(2), Canon III.11.9(c)(3)(i), Canon IV.5.4, Canon IV.15.1(d), Canon IV.15.2, Canon IV.15.3, Canon IV.15.4, Canon IV.19.5(c)(1), Canon IV.19.19, Canon IV.19.23(b), Canon V.4.1(c), Canon V.4.1(d), House of Bishops Rule of Order XXVII, House of Deputies Rule of Order 9, House of Deputies Rule of Order 22(b), House of Deputies Rule of Order 62 b(ii), and Joint Rule of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies II be amended as follows:

### Canon I.1.14(c)

(c) From the sites approved by the General Convention, the Joint Committee, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the following: The Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of both Houses of Convention, ~~the Presidents of the Provinces and the Executive Council~~, shall determine the site for such General Convention and proceed to make all reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments for that meeting of the General Convention. The site and date thus selected shall be deemed to have been appointed by the General Convention, as provided in the Constitution.

### Canon 1.2.1(a)

~~(a) At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Deputy from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Deputy from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Deputies, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect six Clerical and six Lay Deputies as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.~~ The President of the House of Deputies, after consultation with representatives of youth, shall appoint two persons, age 16-21, as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

### Canon 1.2.1(b)

~~(b) At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect one Bishop from each Province as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Bishop from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Bishop from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Bishops, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Bishops from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Bishops as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Bishops shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect six Bishops as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.~~

Canon 1.2.1(c)

(c) In the event vacancies shall occur in the Joint Nominating Committee after the election of its members due to death, disability, resignation, or other cause within one year of the next General Convention, the vacancies shall not be filled and the remaining members shall constitute the Joint Nominating Committee. In the event such vacancies shall occur more than one year prior to the next General Convention, the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops shall appoint Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint Clerical and Lay Deputies, ~~in all cases from the same Provinces as those Bishops or Deputies whose positions are being filled.~~ An elected or appointed member who shall not be a Deputy to the next General Convention shall continue as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee until the adjournment of such next General Convention. ~~A member of the Committee who transfers from one Province to another or a Lay Deputy who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention.~~

Canon 1.4.1(c)

(c) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of ~~twenty~~ *thirty* members elected by the General Convention, of whom ~~four~~ *six* shall be Bishops, ~~four~~ *six* shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and ~~twelve~~ *eighteen* shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (~~two~~ *three* Bishops, ~~two~~ *three* Presbyters or Deacons, and ~~six~~ *nine* Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); ~~(b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods;~~ ~~(c)~~ (b) of the following *ex officio* members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and ~~(d)~~ (c) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. ~~Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.~~

Canon 1.4.2(a)

Sec. 2 (a) ~~Of the members to be elected by the General Convention, t~~ The Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the

Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.

Canon 1.4.3(c)

(c) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the death or resignation of a member ~~elected by the General Convention~~ or through the change in status of any such member by consecration or ordination, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention. The General Convention shall elect a suitable person to serve the portion of any term which will remain unexpired.

Canon 1.4.3(d-g)

~~(d) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the President and Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person, canonically resident in such Province, to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.~~

(e d) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be designated by the General Convention, and between sessions of the General Convention may initiate and develop such new work as it may deem necessary. It may, subject to the provision of this Canon, enact Bylaws for its own government and the government of its several departments.

(f e) In its capacity as the Board of Directors of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Council shall have the power to direct the disposition of the moneys and other property of said Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the orders and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention.

(g f) The Council shall elect the Church's members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive written or oral reports to Executive Council at Council's next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

Canon 1.4.6(e)

(e) After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese ~~and to the President of each Province~~ a statement of the existing and the proposed askings necessary to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the askings of the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.

Canon 1.7.1

Sec. 1. In every ~~Province, Diocese, Parish, Mission and Institution~~ connected with this Church, the following standard business methods shall be observed:

~~(a) All accounts of Provinces shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, or independent licensed accountant, or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Provincial Council. The Audit Report shall be filed with the Provincial Council not later than September 1 of each year, covering the preceding calendar year.~~

(b a) Funds held in trust, endowment and other permanent funds, and securities represented by physical evidence of ownership or indebtedness, shall be deposited with a National or State Bank, or a Diocesan Corporation, or with some other agency approved in writing by the Finance Committee or the Department of Finance of the Diocese, under a deed of trust, agency or other depository agreement providing for at least two signatures on any order of withdrawal of such funds or securities. But this paragraph shall not apply to funds and securities refused by the depositories named as being too small for acceptance. Such small funds and securities shall be under the care of the persons or corporations properly responsible for them. This paragraph shall not be deemed to prohibit investments in securities issued in book entry form or other manner that dispenses with the delivery of a certificate evidencing the ownership of the securities or the indebtedness of the issuer.

(e b) Records shall be made and kept of all trust and permanent funds showing at least the following:

- (1) Source and date.
- (2) Terms governing the use of principal and income.
- (3) To whom and how often reports of condition are to be made.
- (4) How the funds are invested.

(d c) Treasurers and custodians, other than banking institutions, shall be adequately bonded; except treasurers of funds that do not exceed five hundred dollars at any one time during the fiscal year.

(e d) Books of account shall be so kept as to provide the basis for satisfactory accounting.

(f e) All accounts of the Diocese shall be audited annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant. All accounts of Parishes, Missions or other institutions shall be audited annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant, or independent Licensed Public Accountant, or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Finance Committee, Department of Finance, or other appropriate diocesan authority.

(g f) All reports of such audits, including any memorandum issued by the auditors or audit committee regarding internal controls or other accounting matters, together with a summary of action taken or proposed to be taken to correct deficiencies or implement recommendations contained in any such memorandum, shall be filed with the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority not later than 30 days following the date of such report, and in no event, not later than September 1 of each year, covering the financial reports of the previous calendar year.

(h g) All buildings and their contents shall be kept adequately insured.

(i h) The Finance Committee or Department of Finance of the Diocese may require copies of any or all accounts described in this Section to be filed with it and shall report annually to the Convention of the Diocese upon its administration of this Canon.

(j i) The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

#### Canon 1.9

##### ~~CANON 9: Of Provinces~~

~~Sec. 1. Subject to the proviso in Article VII of the Constitution, the Dioceses of this Church shall be and are hereby united into Provinces as follows:~~

~~The First Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.~~

~~The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.~~

~~The Third Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.~~

~~The Fourth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Louisiana, except for the portion thereof consisting of the Diocese of Western Louisiana.~~

~~The Fifth Province shall consist of the Diocese of Missouri, and of the Dioceses within the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.~~

~~The Sixth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado.~~

~~The Seventh Province shall consist of the Dioceses of Western Louisiana and of West Missouri, and of the Dioceses within the States of Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.~~

~~The Eighth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Idaho, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii, the Diocese of Taiwan and the Area Mission of Navajoland.~~

~~The Ninth Province shall consist of the Dioceses of this Church in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.~~

~~Sec. 2 (a) When a new Diocese or Area Mission shall be created wholly within any Province, such new Diocese or Area Mission shall be included in such Province. In case a new Diocese or Area Mission shall embrace territory in two or more Provinces, it shall be included in and form part of the Province wherein the greater number of Presbyters and Deacons in such new Diocese or Area Mission shall, at the time of its creation, be canonically resident. Whenever a new Diocese or Area Mission shall be formed of territory not before included in any Province, the General Convention shall designate the Province to which it shall be annexed.~~

~~(b) By mutual agreement between the Synods of two adjoining Provinces, a Diocese or Area Mission may transfer itself from one of such Provinces to the other, such transfer to be considered complete upon approval thereof by the General Convention. Following such approval, Canon I.9.1 shall be appropriately amended.~~

~~Sec. 3. For the purpose of the Province the Synodical rights and privileges of the several Dioceses within the Province shall be such as from time to time shall be determined by the Synod of the Province.~~

~~Sec. 4. There shall be in each Province a Synod consisting of a House of Bishops and a House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate either separately or together. The Synod shall meet on a regular basis as determined by each Province for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of the Province as provided in the Canons.~~

~~Sec. 5. Every Bishop Diocesan of this Church, having jurisdiction within the Province, every Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, and Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop whose episcopal work has been within the Province, but who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity has resigned, shall have a seat and vote in the House of Bishops of the Province.~~

~~Sec. 6 (a) The President of each Province may be one of the Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, or Lay Persons of the Province, elected by the Synod. The method of election and term of office shall be determined by the rules of the Synod.~~

~~(b) When the person elected is not a Bishop, a Vice President shall be elected who shall be a Bishop member of the Province. In this event the Bishop so elected shall serve, ex officio, as~~

President of the House of Bishops of the Synod, and shall represent the Province in all matters requiring the participation of a Bishop.

~~Sec. 7. Each Diocese and Area Mission within the Province shall be entitled to representation in the Provincial House of Deputies by Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in the Diocese or Area Mission, and Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese or Area Mission, in such number as the Provincial Synod, by Ordinance, may provide. Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.~~

~~Sec. 8. The Provincial Synod shall have power: (a) to enact Ordinances for its own regulation and government; (b) to perform such duties as many be committed to it by the General Convention;~~

~~(c) to deal with all matters within the Province; Provided, however, that no Provincial Synod shall have power to regulate or control the internal policy or affairs of any constituent Diocese; and Provided, further, that all actions and proceedings of the Synod shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and the Canons for the government of this Church; (d) to adopt a budget for the maintenance of any Provincial work undertaken by the Synod, such budget to be raised in such manner as the Synod may determine; (e) to create by Ordinance a provincial Council with power to administer and carry on such work as may be committed to it by the General Convention, or by the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council, or by the Synod of the Province.~~

~~Sec. 9. The Synod of a Province may take over from the Executive Council, with its consent, and during its pleasure, the administration of any given work within the Province. If the Province shall provide the funds for such work, the constituent Dioceses then members of, and supporting, such Province shall receive proportional credit therefor upon the quotas assigned to them for the support of the Program of the Church, provided that the total amount of such credits shall not exceed the sum appropriated in the budget of the Executive Council for the maintenance of the work so taken over.~~

~~Sec. 10. Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.~~

~~Sec. 11. Each Provincial Synod shall keep minutes, journals or other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and one copy to the Archives of The Episcopal Church. The Synod shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives.~~

~~Sec. 12. The President of each Province shall annually submit to the Executive Council a written report on the ministries, programs and other work of the Province, including a description of how funds appropriated by the General Convention have been used, and shall report on their work to the Executive Council, on the date and in the form specified by the Executive Council.~~

Canon 1.11.2(f)

~~(f) An Area Mission which shall have been undertaken under the sole auspices of this Church, with a Bishop of this Church assigned to give episcopal oversight, shall be entitled to representation in the Provincial House of Bishops and the Provincial House of Deputies in the Province of which it is a part.~~

(g) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop, with the power of appointing some other Bishop as his substitute in such charge, until the vacancy is filled by the House of Bishops.

Canon 1.11.3(c)

(c) In every Missionary Diocese there shall be an annual Convention, composed of the Bishop or Bishops, the other Clergy of the Diocese, and Lay Delegates from the organized Congregations. Such Convention shall elect a Standing Committee, in accordance with the diocesan Canons, which shall have the powers and duties set forth for Standing Committees in Canon I.12 and in other Canons of the General Convention. It shall also elect Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the General Convention, in accordance with its diocesan Canons, and the provisions of Article I.4 of the Constitution. ~~If the Missionary Diocese is a member of a Province of this Church, it shall also provide for Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the Synod, in accordance with the diocesan Canons and the provisions of the Ordinances of the Province.~~

Canon 1.15.10(a)

(a) With the permission of the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop in Charge and the Council of Advice may (i) engage a Diocese of this Church to provide the needed Disciplinary Structures to fulfill the requirements of the Canons of this Church, or (ii) establish among the Congregations of the Convocation the needed Disciplinary Structures to fulfill the requirements of the Canons of this Church. In either case, ~~the Provincial Court of Review shall either be that of the Diocese providing the needed Disciplinary Structures or that of the Province of the Convocation; and,~~ for the purposes of implementing the provisions for Ecclesiastical Discipline (Title IV) of a member of the Clergy, the Bishop in Charge shall serve the function reserved for the Bishop Diocesan, except that the Presiding Bishop must approve any Accord, any Agreement for Discipline and the terms of any Order, and pronounce the Sentence.

Canon III.5.1(c)

(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the ~~President of the House of Bishops of the Province~~ *Bishop of another diocese* to take order for an ordination.

Canon III.11.1(b)

(b) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the ~~House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the~~ House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

Canon III.11.5

Sec. 5. Upon receipt of the consents and assurance of the acceptance of the election by the Bishop-elect, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the ordination of the Bishop-

elect either by the Presiding Bishop or the President of the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected is part, and two other Bishops of this Church, or by any three Bishops to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the testimonials.

Canon III.11.8(a)

(a) Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review of the Province in which the Diocese is located to investigate the complaint. The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. Within thirty days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.

Canon III.11.9(c)

~~(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member. A Certificate of the Election, signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Synod or Provincial House of Bishops, or Regional Council, and a testimonial in the form required in Canon III.11 signed by a constitutional majority of the Synod, Provincial House of Bishops or Regional Council, shall be transmitted by its presiding officer to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese on whose behalf such election was made. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11, the above Certification of Election and Testimonial serving in lieu of evidence of election and testimonial therein required.~~

~~(3 2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election may be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops. Such choice shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses. The medical certificate as required in Canon III.11 shall also be required of Missionary Bishops-elect.~~

~~(i) When the House of Bishops is to elect a Bishop for a Missionary Diocese within a given Province, the President of the Province may convene the Synod of the Province prior to the meeting of the House of Bishops at which a Bishop for such Missionary Diocese is to be elected. The Synod of the Province may thereupon nominate not exceeding three persons to the House of Bishops for that office. It shall be the duty of the President of the Province to transmit such nominations, if any be made, to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, communicate the same to the Bishops, along with other nominations that have been made, in accordance with the~~

~~Rules of Order of the House. Each Province containing a Missionary Diocese shall, by Ordinance, provide the manner of convening the Synod and making such nomination.~~

~~(ii i) The evidence of such choice shall be a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding in the House of Bishops and by its Secretary, with a testimonial, or certified copy thereof, signed by a majority of the Bishops of the House, in the form required in Canon III.11, which shall be sent to the Presiding Officer of the House of Deputies, or the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses.~~

~~(iii ii) When the Presiding Bishop shall have received a certificate signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of a majority of the Standing Committees, that the election has been approved, and shall have received notice of the acceptance by the Bishop-elect of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the consecration of the said Bishop-elect either by the Presiding Bishop and two other Bishops of this Church, or by three Bishops of this Church to whom the Presiding Bishop may communicate the certificates and testimonial.~~

#### Canon IV

All references in Title IV to "Provincial Court of Review" shall be amended to read "Court of Review".

#### Canon IV.5.4

~~Sec. 4. In each Province there shall be a court to be known as the Provincial Court of Review, with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses within the Province as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.~~

~~(a) The Provincial Court of Review shall consist of: (i) one Bishop of the Province; two Priests, or one Priest and one Deacon; and two lay persons; and (ii) one Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each Priest or Deacon, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a Diocese of the Province different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a Diocese of the Province different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.~~

~~(b) The members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review shall be appointed annually by the president of the Province. The Provincial Court of Review shall select a president from among its members.~~

~~(c) The persons appointed to the Provincial Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve.~~

~~(d) No member of the Provincial Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such member serves on the Disciplinary Board. In such event, the alternate shall serve.~~

~~(e) In the event that any member of the Provincial Court of Review is excused pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.3(c), or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal is deemed by the other members of the Provincial Court of Review to be disqualified, such member's alternate shall serve.~~

~~(f) In the event of any Provincial Court of Review member's death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4(d) or (e), and in the further event that there is no alternate available to serve, the president~~

~~of the Provincial Court of Review shall declare a vacancy on the Provincial Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president of the Provincial Court of Review.~~

~~(g) Vacancies on the Provincial Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the president of the Province of persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).~~

~~(h) The Provincial Court of Review shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Provincial Court of Review and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.~~

~~(i) The rules of procedure for appeals to the Provincial Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Provincial Court of Review may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.~~

*Sec. 4. There shall be a Court of Review for the church with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.*

*(a) The Court of Review shall consist of: (i) one Bishop; two Priests or one Priest and one Deacon; and two lay persons; and (ii) two Bishops, four Priests or Deacons of whom at least three shall be priests, and four lay persons to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each Priest or Deacon, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a Diocese different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a Diocese different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.*

*(b) The members and alternates of the Court of Review shall be appointed annually by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The Court of Review shall select a president from among its members.*

*(c) The persons appointed to the Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve.*

*(d) No member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such member serves on the Disciplinary Board. In such event, the alternate shall serve.*

*(e) In the event that any member of the Court of Review is excused pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.3(c), or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal is deemed by the other members of the Court of Review to be disqualified, such member's alternate shall serve.*

*(f) In the event of any Court of Review member's death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4(d) or (e), and in the further event that there is no alternate available to serve, the president of the Court of Review shall declare a vacancy on the Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president of the Court of Review.*

*(g) Vacancies on the Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies from persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).*

*(h) The Court of Review shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Court of Review and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.*

*(i) The rules of procedure for appeals to the Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Court of Review may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.*

## Canon IV.15.1

Sec. 1. In the event that proceedings before the Hearing Panel are unreasonably delayed or suspended, and are not resumed within sixty days following a written request for resumption of proceedings from the Church Attorney or the Respondent, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may file a written request with the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review for an order directing the Hearing Panel to resume the proceedings. The Court of Review shall consider the request as follows:

(a) The person filing the request shall provide copies of the request to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and of the Disciplinary Board. The request shall include a statement of the status of the proceedings and the reason, if known, for the delay or suspension of proceedings, and a description of all actions taken by the person filing the request or by any other person to resolve any impediment to the proceedings or other cause for the delay.

(b) Within fifteen days of receipt of the copy of the request, the president of the Hearing Panel shall file a response to the request with the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review, with a copy to the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Board.

(c) The ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall convene, either personally or ~~telephonically~~ *by online or telephone conference*, to consider the request and the response, if any, from the Hearing Panel. The Court shall then either issue an order directing resumption of the proceedings or an order declining to direct resumption with an explanation of the reasons therefor. The order issued by the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall be binding upon the Hearing Panel.

(d) In the event a Hearing Panel, having been ordered to resume proceedings, either refuses to do so or is unable to do so, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may request that the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review order the transfer of the proceedings to a Hearing Panel of another Diocese ~~within the same Province~~, including an order to the Board of the originating Diocese to transmit the complete record of the proceedings to the successor Hearing Panel.

## Canon IV.15.2

Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with ~~copies~~ *copy* of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel ~~and the Province~~. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent's counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.

## Canon IV.15.3

Sec. 3. Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that a Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written request of at least two Bishops Diocesan ~~of other Dioceses within the Province~~ who are not members of the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review. Such an appeal shall be taken on the question of the Church's Doctrine, Faith and Worship only, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel of noncommission of other Offenses. An appeal under this section may be taken by service of a notice of appeal by the Bishop Diocesan upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the presidents of the Hearing Panel ~~and the Province~~ within forty days after the Order of the Hearing Panel is received by the Bishop Diocesan.

## Canon IV.15.4

~~Sec. 4. If an appeal is taken from a Hearing Panel of a Diocese which is non-provincial, the appeal shall be taken before the Provincial Court of Review geographically closest to that Diocese.~~

## Canon IV.19.5(c)

(c) If objection is made by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence as provided in Canon IV.19.5(b), the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence and the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer's Diocese shall promptly agree as to which Diocese will assume jurisdiction over the matter and conduct proceedings. If the two Bishops cannot promptly agree, the disagreement will be resolved as follows:

~~(1) If they are in the same Province, either may promptly request the president of the Provincial Court of Review to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings. If they are in different Provinces,~~ e-*Either may promptly request the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings.*

(2) The requesting Bishop shall provide a copy of the request to the other Bishop. A reply to the request may be made by the non-requesting Bishop within fifteen days of service of the request.

(3) The president shall have the discretion to hear from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys for the respective Dioceses, either personally or ~~telephonically~~ *by online or telephone conference*, concerning the request and any reply. The president shall have the discretion to request additional submissions from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys.

(4) The president shall decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings within thirty days of service of the request.

## Canon IV.19.19

~~Sec. 19. No Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Church Attorney in that Diocese. No Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of any Province shall serve as Church Attorney in any Diocese of that Province or any provincial proceeding.~~ Neither the Presiding Bishop's Chancellor nor the Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies shall serve as Church Attorney in any proceeding. The Church Attorney in any proceeding shall not be from the same law firm as any Chancellor or Vice Chancellor otherwise disqualified under this section.

## Canon IV.19.23(b)

(b) The necessary costs and expenses of the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall be the expense of the ~~Province~~ *General Convention*.

## Canon V.4.1(c)

(c) The term of any Member of the Clergy specified to be filled by virtue of a ~~provincial~~ ~~or~~ diocesan canonical residence shall become vacant upon the change of canonical residence to another diocese ~~or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.~~

(d) The term of any Lay Person specified to be filled by virtue of a ~~provincial~~ ~~or~~ diocesan residence shall become vacant upon the change of residence to another diocese ~~or to a diocese in a different province, as the case may be.~~

## House of Bishops Rule of Order XXVII

~~There shall be an Advisory Committee, composed of Bishops who are the Presidents or Vice-Presidents of each Province, which will act as advisory council to the Presiding Bishop between meetings of the House of Bishops. The Committee shall elect its own officers. The Presiding Bishop shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The Committee shall elect its own officers.~~

#### House of Deputies Rule of Order 9

~~Provided, that, when the number of members equals or exceeds the number of Provinces, there shall normally be at least one member from each Province. The size of all Committees, unless otherwise noted, shall be at the discretion of the President. The President shall be a member, ex officio, of all Committees. The Presiding Officers are encouraged to continue to appoint persons from International Dioceses to the committees and commissions of this church.~~

#### House of Deputies Rule of Order 22(b)

(b) Resolutions may be introduced only by:

- (1) Deputies.
- (2) Dioceses.
- ~~(3) Provinces.~~
- (4 3) Standing Commissions.
- ~~(5 4)~~ Standing, Joint, and Legislative Committees.
- ~~(6 5)~~ The Executive Council.
- ~~(7 6)~~ Other Boards and Agencies created by and required to report to the General Convention.
- ~~(8 7)~~ The House of Bishops by Messages.

#### House of Deputies Rule of Order 62 b(ii)

(ii) up to ~~18 24~~ youth (~~not more than two youth from each Province~~) who are duly authorized representatives known as The Official Youth Presence shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House.

#### Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies

10. (a) There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (~~one nine~~ Bishops, and ~~two eighteen~~ members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, ~~from each Province~~), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies.

#### Explanation

During the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the Provincial structure played a key role in the governance of this Church in a world where communication and travel were not easily accomplished. Given the connectedness of the world today, our ability to foster relationships across the Church is stronger than ever before, while the artificial boundaries of the Provinces have, at times, stymied the ability to collaborate. By eliminating Provinces, room will be made to develop relationships based on affinity, irrespective of geographic happenstance in order to further the mission of the Church. At the same time, the particular gifts and needs of international dioceses are recognized. This resolution calls for their continued support, and for our Presiding Officers to continue to

include participation from dioceses outside of the United States in the church's committees and commissions.