

Clarify Officers of The Episcopal Church

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 78th 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 1.1.9, 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.