

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A053
TITLE: Amend Canon I.4.1(c)
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
COMMITTEE: Canons

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-A115 On the Topic of the Canon on the Executive Council (Rejected)

Indirectly Related:

1985-A014 Amend Canon I.4.1 [Of the Executive Council Membership]

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Title: On the Topic of the Canon on the Executive Council
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.4.1(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as its membership may include additional persons elected prior to the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention in 1976 for terms which have not expired, 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 (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 officii members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Executive Council, 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~~ *an* 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

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EXPLANATION:

The proposed amendment clarifies that lay persons elected by General Convention must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing, consistent with the criteria for lay persons representing the provinces.