

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A055
TITLE: Amend Canon I.12
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
COMMITTEE: Canons

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A051 Direct General Convention Bodies to Use Technology to Work Efficiently and Economically
2006-D082 Launch an Information Technology Cooperative Network

Indirectly Related:

None

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.



Resolution Number: 2006-A051
Title: Direct General Convention Bodies to Use Technology to Work Efficiently and Economically
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards of the General Convention to begin a process to accomplish an appropriate portion of their work more efficiently and economically by using online tools, conference calls, and video conferences.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 177.



Resolution Number: 2006-D082
Title: Launch an Information Technology Cooperative Network
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to organize an information technology cooperative network for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying, documenting, and publishing best practices already in use or working with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 286.

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Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In every diocese the Standing Committee shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet in conformity with their own rules from time to time, and shall keep a record of their proceedings; and they may be summoned to a special meeting whenever the President may deem it necessary. They may be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever the Bishop shall desire their advice; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all cases in which a Canon of the General Convention directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

Sec. 3. *Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts and the joined counterparts shall be considered a single document.*

EXPLANATION:

Good stewardship of the limited resources available to the church demands that we recognize the appropriate use of teleconferencing and video conferencing as valid forums for church deliberations and decision making. Documents signed in counterparts are a key tool for such meetings and save considerable time when compared to the current practice of requiring all signatures to appear on the same signature page.