

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A171
TITLE: On Records and Archives of the Provinces of the Episcopal Church
PROPOSER: Board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church
COMMITTEE: Canons

Directly Related: (attached)

None

Indirectly Related:

1982-A027 Amend Canon I.5.3 [Transmission of Diocesan Journals and Papers]

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.

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.9 [Of Provinces] be amended with
 2 the addition of new section 10 to read as follows:
 3 *Sec. 10. The Synod shall give charge for keeping the minutes, journals and other records*
 4 *of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of its journal to the Secretary of the House of*
 5 *Deputies, and likewise place one copy of its published journal, together with the archives*
 6 *and unpublished inactive records of the province in the official Archives of the General*
 7 *Convention.*
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EXPLANATION:

In establishing the provinces of The Episcopal Church, Canon I.9 did not effectively address the concern for accountability and communication that are basic to organizational units of the church. Unlike the canonical provisions for dioceses, the canons do not currently require the provinces to create a journal of their annual synod, an annual report, directory or other documentation that would assist the church in evaluating and defining the state of its affairs at the provincial level. In keeping with precedent for other bodies of General Convention, the Board of Archives proposes to add requirements for basic record keeping and for the deposit of the abovementioned records with the Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Archives of the church.