

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A060
TITLE: Regarding Canon I.1.5
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

1988-A175 Amend Canon I.1.5 [Of the General Convention Registrar]

Indirectly Related:

1979-A011 Amend Canon I.1.5 [Records of the General Convention]

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: 1988-A175
Title: Amend Canon I.1.5 [Of the General Convention Registrar]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That Canon I.1.5 be amended as follows:**

(b) It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to ~~procure a~~ maintain suitable records of the ordinations and consecrations of all Bishops of this Church,...

(c) He ~~The Registrar~~ shall prepare, in such form as the House of Bishops shall prescribe, the Letters of Ordination and Consecration in duplicate ; ~~and he~~ shall have the same immediately signed and sealed by the ordaining and consecrating Bishops, and by such other Bishops assisting as may be practicable ; ~~and he~~ shall deliver to the newly consecrated Bishop one of the said letters, ~~and~~ shall carefully file and retain the other ~~among the papers in his custody~~, and *shall* make a minute thereof in ~~his book of the official records~~.

(f) It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of both Houses, within ~~six months~~ 30 days after the adjournment of the General Convention, to deliver to the Registrar the manuscript minutes of the proceedings of both Houses, together with the Journals, files, papers, reports, and all other documents of either House. The manuscript minutes of both Houses shall remain filed until after the adjournment of the second Convention following that at which such minutes shall have been taken; *Provided, however*, that any part of such minutes, for any reason unpublished in the Journal, shall remain filed in the Archives. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall also deliver to the Registrar, when not otherwise expressly directed, all the Journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents specified in Canon 1.6. The Secretaries shall require the registrar to give them receipts for the journals and other papers ~~delivered to him~~.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 272.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Structure: Regarding Canon I.1.5
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the Standing Commission on the
2 Structure of the Church be directed to study the role and qualifications of the Registrar of
3 the General Convention in the maintenance of records of the ordinations and
4 consecrations of the bishops of the church and report back to the 77th General
5 Convention.
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EXPLANATION:
Resolution 2006-B009 proposed the creation of a Registrar of the House of Bishops to maintain the documents connected with the Ordination and Consecration of Bishops, which was not acted on. The Secretary of the General Convention requested the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons consider developing canonical changes to create the position of Deputy Registrar to reflect current practice. SCCC determined that in light of B009 and the current request there are polity and practice issues which SCCC is unable to resolve within its mandate and therefore recommends that the Standing Commission on Structure study the issues in the next triennium and bring forward comprehensive recommendations.