

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A127  
**TITLE:** Directions for the Future  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church  
**COMMITTEE:** Structure

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A112 Study Committee and Commission Mandates, Constitution Preamble, and Presiding Bishop Election Process  
2006-A151 Authorize Continuation of Budgetary Funding Task Force  
1994-A130 Amend Canon I.2.2 [Of the Presiding Bishop's Term of Office]  
1982-A140 Instruct the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of a Presiding Bishop

**Indirectly Related:**

2003-B004 Appoint a Mission Funding Task Force  
2000-A117 Amend Canon I.2.2 [Commencement of Presiding Bishop's Term of Office]  
1994-C032 On the Topic of the Structure of the National Church (Rejected)

*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-A112  
**Title:** Study Committee and Commission Mandates, Constitution Preamble, and Presiding Bishop Election Process  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That all Commissions and Committees reevaluate their mandate and placement within the church structure, and to communicate their findings and suggestions to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church one year before the 76th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review and correct the Defined Terms for CCAB's as presented in their report to the 75th General Convention in response to feedback received pursuant to this resolution and propose structural changes to the CCAB system where changes would appear to be useful; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning any proposed changes to the Preamble of the Constitution with reference to the 'official' name of this Church, with particular consideration of being inclusive of our overseas dioceses and parishes; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning changes to the process by which the Presiding Bishop would be nominated and elected.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 192-193.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-A151  
**Title:** Authorize Continuation of Budgetary Funding Task Force  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 75th General Convention authorize continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, and that the Task Force report back to Executive Council in 2008 and to the 76th General Convention in 2009 on its findings and recommendations; and be it further***  
***Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 191.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A130  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.2.2 [Of the Presiding Bishop's Term of Office]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.2 be amended by striking the words "twelve years" in the third line thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the words "nine years".*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 255.



**Resolution Number:** 1982-A140  
**Title:** Instruct the Joint Nominating Committee for Election of a Presiding Bishop  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Nominating Committee [for the Election of the Presiding Bishop] be instructed to consider the Office of Presiding Bishop in the light of the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church which define his responsibilities as Chief Pastor of the Episcopal Church, as the Primate in relation to other Anglican Provinces, and as the primary ecumenical link to other Christian and non-Christian bodies; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That the Joint Nominating Committee [for the Election of the Presiding Bishop] develop a profile of the Office of Presiding Bishop in the light of its historical development and its present position, outlining such qualifications, background, experience, education, and unique gifts as may be required in the Bishop selected to fill this office; and be it further*  
*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church monitor and evaluate the process for the election of the Joint Nominating Committee [for the Election of the Presiding Bishop] and its operation, and report all findings when appropriate to succeeding General Conventions.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-73.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the
- 2 Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the relationship of Agencies to
- 3 the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General
- 4 Convention concerning the same; and be it further
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- 6 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of
- 7 the Church to consider the role and term of the Presiding Bishop and report its considerations to a
- 8 future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
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- 10 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of
- 11 the Church to examine the role of Chancellors in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make
- 12 recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
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- 14 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of
- 15 the Church to examine the role of Parliamentarians in the structure of The Episcopal Church and
- 16 make recommendations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
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- 18 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Eradication
- 19 of Racism or the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the cultural
- 20 homogeneity of the Canons, and the propriety of the Canons being applied within the diversity of
- 21 the Church, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention
- 22 concerning the same; and be it further
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- 24 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of
- 25 the Church to examine the budgeting process of the Church and make recommendations to the
- 26 77th General Convention regarding the same; and be it further
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- 28 *Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of
- 29 the Church to examine the Provincial Leadership Conference and the Church's provincial
- 30 structure, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning
- 31 the same.
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