

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C060
TITLE: Statistics for Overseas Congregations
PROPOSER: Diocese of Churches in Europe
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2003-A072 Amend Canon I.6.1 [Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of This Church]

Indirectly Related:

1991-A180 Continue to Prepare Parochial Report Forms for Use by Province IX

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: 2003-A072
Title: Amend Canon I.6.1 [Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of This Church]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Canon I.6.1 be amended to read as follows:

A report of every Parish and other Congregation of this Church shall be prepared annually for the year ending December 31 preceding, in the form authorized by the Executive Council and approved by the Committee on the State of the Church, and shall be filed not later than March 1 with the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, with the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The Bishop or the ecclesiastical authority, as the case may be, shall keep a copy and submit the report to the Executive Council not later than May 1. In every Parish *and other Congregation* the preparation and filing of this report shall be the joint duty of the Rector *or Member of the Clergy in charge thereof* and ~~Vestry; and in every other Congregation the duty of the Member of the Clergy in charge thereof the lay leadership; and before the filing thereof the report shall be approved by the Vestry or Bishop's committee or mission council.~~ This report shall include the following information:

- (1) the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials during the year; the total number of baptized members, the total number of communicants in good standing, and the total number of communicants in good standing under 16 years of age.
- (2) a summary of all the receipts and expenditures, from whatever source derived and for whatever purpose used.
- (3) such other relevant information as is needed to secure an accurate view of the state of this Church, as required by the approved form.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 215.

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the House of Deputies Committee on
2 the State of the Church be directed to include in their report to the 77th General
3 Convention, and all subsequent General Conventions, all statistics pertaining to the life of
4 the congregations in all oversea Dioceses and the Convocation of American Churches in
5 Europe.
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EXPLANATION:

Since the Blue Book fails to include the statistics from overseas congregations, among them the largest Diocese in the Episcopal Church (Haiti), it does not faithfully reflect the life and work of the entire Church. This Resolution was first submitted to the 75th General Convention in 2006 by members of the Convocation's deputation and endorsed by deputies from the Dioceses of the Virgin Islands and Haiti. It was approved by the House of Deputies' Committee on Structure, but owing to the large amount of legislation on the Daily Calendar, there was no time for it to be considered by either of the Houses.