

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D045
TITLE: Committee Member Transparency
PROPOSER: Ms. Katie Sherrod
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

None

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.

TOPIC/TITLE: Committees and Commissions: Committee Member Transparency

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct that
2 the membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces and panels elected or
3 appointed by any body or leader of The Episcopal Church (including, but not limited to,
4 the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, Standing
5 Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards of The Episcopal Church and their
6 respective Presiding Officers and Chairs) be made public no later than 30 days after
7 election or appointment.
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EXPLANATION:

The Episcopal Church should model in its governance and life the transparency and openness all Christians are called to demonstrate. Our Baptismal Covenant calls us to seek Christ in all people and to respect the dignity of every human being. Transparency in our dealings with one another is one way human dignity is respected. Conversely, secrecy is destructive of human dignity and of our common life. Making public the names of persons elected or appointed to any body charged to work in Christ's name for the good of the Church serves the Church's health and promotes trust in one another.

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