

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D074
TITLE: Research New Locations of 2015 General Convention
PROPOSER: The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2000-A110 On the Topic of the Reduction of General Convention Costs (Rejected)
1985-D042 On the Topic of the Setting for Future Conventions (Rejected)
1979-B137 Simplify the Convention's Housing and Meal Arrangements
1979-C036 Maintain a Simple Life Style at Church Meetings

Indirectly Related:

1994-A044 Adopt Environmentally Sound Practices at Church Meetings
1988-A150 Approve Guidelines and Policies Relating to Meetings of General Convention
1985-D148 Develop Guidelines for Future Site Selection of 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: 2000-A110
Title: On the Topic of the Reduction of General Convention Costs
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church is committed to managing the cost of future General Conventions in such a way that no diocese is unable to bring a full deputation and no person must decline to serve as a deputy because of limited financial resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council study this matter and report to the 74th General Convention the findings recommendations of this study, together with a plan for implementation no later than the 75th General Convention. This study shall include, but not be limited to, considerations of the size, location, length, housing, and staffing of the Convention, as well as the use of electronic and printed media for distribution of materials and information.



Resolution Number: 1985-D042
Title: On the Topic of the Setting for Future Conventions
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of the Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 68th General Convention instruct the Future Sites Committee of General Convention to move immediately, beginning with the 1988 General Convention if possible, to select a college campus setting for the future sites of General Convention.



Resolution Number: 1979-B137
Title: Simplify the Convention's Housing and Meal Arrangements
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That this General Convention directs its Convention planners to continue their efforts to simplify the housing and feeding provided at the next and succeeding General Conventions;** and be it further

Resolved, **That all members of this Convention are encouraged to forward suggestions to accomplish this simplification to the Joint Commission of Planning and Arrangements in care of the Secretary of the General Convention.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-72.



Resolution Number: 1979-C036
Title: Maintain a Simple Life Style at Church Meetings
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That all national and regional meetings of the Church be dedicated to as simple a life style, in terms of housing, board and energy utilization, as possible.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-67.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on
 - 2 planning and arrangements be asked to research and consider the feasibility of using a
 - 3 university campus as the site of the 78th General Convention in 2015.
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EXPLANATION:

The luxurious locations, hotels, and food providers that General Convention has elected in the past are not in keeping with our call to be generous stewards of the gifts God has given us. We are dining at a banquet while Lazarus lies begging at our feet. So long as extreme poverty still exists in the world and we needlessly spend beyond our necessities, we fail to live up to Christ's call to us. If the Episcopal Church were willing to sacrifice our luxury to stay in the dormitory of a University and eat cafeteria food, we could substantially cut back on one of our major expenditures, enabling us to make substantial increases to the mission and outreach of the Church.