

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-B015
TITLE: Amend Constitution Article I.4 (First Reading)
PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Pierre Welte Whalon
COMMITTEE: 08 - World Mission: HD

Directly Related: (attached)

1997-C031 Express Support for the Convocation of American Churches in Europe
1985-A001 Amend Constitution Article I.4 [House of Deputies--Second Reading]
1982-A009 Amend Constitution Article I.4 [House of Deputies--Second Reading]

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.



Resolution Number: 1997-C031
Title: Express Support for the Convocation of American Churches in Europe
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church continue to encourage and support the growing collaboration among the four Anglican jurisdictions within Continental Europe; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convocation of American Churches in Europe (hereinafter "the Convocation") continue with ecumenical sensitivity and consultation to nurture the emerging indigenous congregations and ministries and other newly forming Church communities in Europe; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission be charged with supporting the Convocation in its wide-ranging mission which has developed in this Decade of Evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That new funding in the amount of \$60,000 for the 1998-2000 triennium be approved from General Funds for use by the Convocation in developing those new ministries and communities.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 524.



Resolution Number: 1985-A001
Title: Amend Constitution Article I.4 [House of Deputies--Second Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the first two paragraphs of Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution shall be stricken and a new paragraph be substituted therefor, as follows:**

~~Sec.4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese, and not more than four Lay Persons, communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen. The Church in each Missionary Diocese beyond the territory of the United States of America, which shall have been established by the House of Bishops or by the Constitution, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall each be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies equal to that of other Dioceses, subject to all the qualifications and with all the rights of Deputies, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. Each such Missionary Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four Ordained Persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.~~

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 118.



Resolution Number: 1982-A009
Title: Amend Constitution Article I.4 [House of Deputies--Second Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the following proposed amendment having been made known to the several Dioceses and Missionary Dioceses and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution, the 67th General Convention adopt the following amendment to Section 4 of Article I of the Constitution, to wit:**

Amend Section 4, Article I by adding the words "or Deacons" in the third line of said Section, so that said Section will read:

The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four *ordained persons*, Presbyters or *Deacons*, canonically resident in the Diocese, and not more than four Lay Persons, communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-22.

TOPIC/TITLE: Constitution: Amend Constitution Article I.4 (First Reading)
 PROPOSER: The Rt. Rev. Pierre Welte Whalon
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of
 2 the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the "Convocation of the
 3 American Churches in Europe" to "Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe" as
 4 follows:

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 6 **Sec. 4.** The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the
 7 General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the
 8 Convocation of the ~~American~~*Episcopal* Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to
 9 representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons,
 10 Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay
 11 Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese
 12 but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may
 13 reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese,
 14 and the Convocation of the ~~American~~*Episcopal* Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the
 15 manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

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EXPLANATION:

At a regular meeting on October 17, 2008 at All Saints Church in Waterloo, Belgium, the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, with the consent of the Presiding Bishop, officially changed its name to the "Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe." The references to the Convocation in the Constitution are merely descriptive of the name; the General Convention did not create or name the Convocation.

BALLOT RESULTS:

*Endorser(s):*The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II, The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall

*Review Status:*Not Yet Reviewed for Constitutional Form