

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D040
TITLE: Amend Canon I.4.2(g)
PROPOSER: Dr. Louie Crew
COMMITTEE: 08 - World Mission: HD

Directly Related: (attached)

1982-A145 Amend Canon I.4 and Joint Rule VII.18 as follows:
Canon I.4.2 [Add (g): Election of Church Representatives]
Joint Rule VII.18 [Repeal (g): Election of Church Representatives to ACC]
1979-A113 Instruct Representatives to the ACC

Indirectly Related:

2006-A166 Support Development of an Anglican Covenant
2006-A159 Affirm Commitment to the Anglican Communion

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Resolution Number: 1982-A145
Title: Amend Canon I.4 and Joint Rule VII.18 as follows: Canon I.4.2
[Add (g): Election of Church Representatives] Joint Rule VII.18
[Repeal (g): Election of Church Representatives to ACC]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That Joint Rule of Order 18 (g) (Calling for the Joint Committee on Nominations to propose nominees for the representatives of this Church on the Anglican Consultative Council) be eliminated;** and be it further
Resolved, **That a new subsection (g) be added to Title I, Canon 4, Section 2, to read:**

(g). The Council shall elect representatives of this Church to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), the Anglican Church in North America and the Caribbean (ACNAC), and to other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-6.



Resolution Number: 1979-A113
Title: Instruct Representatives to the ACC
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the General Convention, (1) reaffirm its acceptance of the Constitution of the Anglican Consultative Council and more especially that section of the Constitution dealing with "Functions", reminding our Church that the Anglican Consultative Council is an advisory, consultative, and not a legislative body, and therefore speaks to the member Churches but not for them; (2) instruct our elected representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council to keep lines of communication open to the Executive Council and the House of Bishops, and report formally to each meeting of the General Convention of this Church; (3) express our confidence in the present process of selecting representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council, urging that at least the following criteria be given consideration in electing those representatives:**

- (a). Representatives should possess a demonstrated knowledge of and concern for the world mission of the Church;**
- (b). Representatives should have a participatory knowledge of and work experience in the life of the Episcopal Church;**
- (c). Representatives should possess a close and effective relationship with the decision-making process of the Episcopal Church.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-6.

TOPIC/TITLE: Canons: Amend Canon I.4.2(g)
 PROPOSER: Dr. Louie Crew
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.4.2 (g) is hereby amended to
 2 read as follows:
 3 The Council shall elect ~~representatives of the Church's~~ *members of the Anglican*
 4 *Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no*
 5 *other procedure is provided. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church*
 6 *shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for*
 7 *Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive*
 8 *written or oral reports to Executive Council at Council's next meeting following each*
 9 *meeting of the ACC.*
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EXPLANATION:

Currently our canons state nothing about the members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church except that Executive Council elects them (Canon I.4.2 (g)). One Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one Lay Person represent The Episcopal Church on the ACC. The ACC typically meets only once every three years. The members from The Episcopal Church currently have no requirement to report back to the Church or to the Executive Council, nor is there any form for doing so. While there ordinarily is an informal discussion of the ACC meeting at the Executive Council, this is generally limited to those ACC members currently serving on Executive Council and is often very brief. The ACC is the one body in the Communion that has members in all orders of ministry. It oversees the development of specific policies affecting the whole Communion. We would benefit from hearing from our members, and they would benefit from a formal way to communicate with us. This change would also use the term "members" which is used by the ACC to refer to representatives from the various member provinces.

Endorser(s): The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, Ms. D. Rebecca Snow

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