

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A176
TITLE: Amending Canon III.16, Section 2
PROPOSER: Board for Church Deployment
COMMITTEE: Ministry

Directly Related: (attached)

1997-A173 On the Topic of the Canon of the Board for Church Deployment
1991-A130 Amend and Renumber Canons III.28-31 as follows:
Canon III.28 [Of Religious Orders and Other Christian Communities]
Canon III.29 [Of a Board for Theological Education]
Canon III.30 [Of a General Board of Examining Chaplains]
Canon III.31 [Of a Board for Church Deployment]
1982-A148 Add Canon III.8 [Board for Church Deployment] and Renumber Accordingly

Indirectly Related:

1991-A036 Establish an Executive Office for Church Deployment

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-A173
Title: On the Topic of the Canon of the Board for Church Deployment
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.33. (Of the Board for Church Deployment) is hereby deleted in its entirety.



Resolution Number: 1991-A130
Title: Amend and Renumber Canons III.28-31
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

[*Resolved, That Canon III.31.2 is amended to read as follows.*]

CANON ~~31~~ 30.

Of a *the* Board for Church Deployment

Sec. 2. The duties of the Board for ~~Church Deployment~~ shall be:

- (~~1~~ a). to oversee the Church Deployment Office.**
- (~~2~~ b). to study the deployment needs and trends in the Episcopal Church and in other Christian bodies.**
- (~~3~~ c). to issue and distribute such reports and information concerning deployment as it deems helpful to the Church.**
- (~~4~~ d). to cooperate with the other Boards, Commissions, and Agencies ~~of the Church~~ which are concerned with ministry, and particularly with the Executive Council.**
- (~~5~~ e). to report on its work and the work of the Church Deployment Office at each regular meeting of the General Convention.**
- (~~6~~ f). to report to the Executive Council at regular intervals as a part of its accountability to the Council for the funding which the Church Deployment Office receives.**
- (~~7~~ g). to work in cooperation with the Church Center Staff.**
- (~~8~~ h). to fulfill ~~such~~ other responsibilities ~~as may be~~ assigned to it by the General Convention.**

Citation: Canon III.30.2 is excerpted from the Final Text of the revision to Canons III.28-31. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 831.



Resolution Number: 1982-A148
Title: Add Canon III.8 [Board for Church Deployment] and Renumber Accordingly
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That Title III, Canon 8 be renumbered as Title III, Canon 9, that succeeding Canons be renumbered accordingly, and that a new Canon 8 [See History Note] be enacted as follows:**

Of a Board for Church Deployment

Sec. 1(a) There shall be a Board for Church Deployment of the General Convention consisting of twelve members, three of whom shall be Bishops, three of whom shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and six of whom shall be Lay Persons.

(b). The Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop. The Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Members shall be appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. All appointments to the Board, except those to fill vacancies, shall be subject to the confirmation of the General Convention.

(c). The Members shall serve terms beginning with the adjournment of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed, and ending with the adjournment of the second regular General Convention thereafter.

(d). At the General Convention in which these provisions are adopted, two Bishops, one Presbyter or Deacon, and three Lay Persons shall be appointed to serve for one-half of a regular term and one Bishop, two Presbyters or Deacons, and three Lay Persons shall be appointed to serve full terms. At each succeeding regular General Convention one-half of the membership shall be appointed to serve full terms.

(e). Positions on the Board which become vacant between regular meetings of the General Convention shall be filled by appointment of the respective Presiding Officers, and those appointed shall serve until the next regular meeting of the General Convention. Vacancies which exist at the time of the General Convention shall be filled by appointment as provided in Subparagraph (b) above and those appointed shall serve until the end of the term of the position which was vacant .

Sec. 2. The duties of the Board for Church Deployment shall be:

- 1. To oversee the Church Deployment Office.*
- 2. To study the deployment needs and trends in the Episcopal Church and in other Christian bodies.*
- 3. To issue and distribute such reports and aids concerning deployment as it deems helpful to the Church.*
- 4. To cooperate with the other Boards, Commissions, and Agencies of the Church which are concerned with ministry, and particularly with the Executive Council.*
- 5. To report on its work and the work of the Church Deployment Office at each regular meeting of the General Convention.*
- 6. To report to the Executive Council at regular intervals as a part of its accountability to the Council for the funding which the Church Deployment Office receives.*
- 7. To direct the executive of the Church Deployment Office to work in cooperation with the Church Center staff, especially with those concerned with the Ministry and Mission of the Church.*

8. To fulfill such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the General Convention ; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be effective immediately.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-87.

TOPIC/TITLE: Canons: Amending Canon III.16, Section 2
 PROPOSER: Board for Church Deployment
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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.16.2 be amended to read as
 2 follows:
 3 Sec. 2. The duties of the Board shall be:
 4 (a). To oversee the ~~Church Deployment Office~~ *Office for Transition Ministry*.
 5 (b). *To provide support for the training of bishops and diocesan personnel in the*
 6 *transition ministry processes.*
 7 (c). To study the ~~deployment~~ *transition ministry* needs and trends in The
 8 Episcopal Church and in other Christian bodies.
 9 (d). To issue and distribute such reports and information concerning ~~deployment~~
 10 *transition ministry* as it deems helpful to the Church.
 11 (e). To cooperate with *the Centers for Mission and the* other Boards,
 12 Commissions and Agencies which are concerned with *transition ministry*, and
 13 particularly with the Executive Council.
 14 (f). To report on its work and the work of the ~~Church Deployment Office~~ *Office*
 15 *for Transition Ministry* at each regular meeting of the General Convention.
 16 (g). To report to the Executive Council ~~at regular intervals annually~~ as part of its
 17 accountability to the Council for the funding which the ~~Church Deployment~~
 18 ~~Office~~ *Office for Transition Ministry* receives.
 19 (h). To work in cooperation with the Church Center Staff.
 20 (i). To fulfill other responsibilities assigned to it by the General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

The proposed revisions provide a more accurate description of the duties of the Board. Those duties have expanded over the past 20 years, reflecting a change in the traditional paradigm of "deployment," which now acknowledges the discernment of new clergy leadership as a time of significant transition in the lives of both the congregation and the clergy.