

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-D044  
**TITLE:** Title IV Training  
**PROPOSER:** Duncan A. Bayne, Esq.  
**COMMITTEE:** Education

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

2006-A153      Create a New Title IV Task Force

**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:** 2006-A153  
**Title:** Create a New Title IV Task Force  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention express its sincere and abiding appreciation and gratitude for the diligent, intensive, and dedicated work and leadership of the Task Force on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures (“Task Force I”) since 2001, in the research, drafting, listening, and communicating of and about its work to develop a comprehensive revision to Title IV of the Church Canons, so that our Canons on discipline reflect our ecclesiology and theology; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention endorse the principles and values expressed in Task Force I’s proposed new Canon IV.1:*

**By virtue of our Baptismal Covenant, all members of this Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and shall hold one another accountable as provided in this Title; and be it further**

*Resolved, That the 75th General Convention acknowledge that the work of Task Force I requires further work, reflection, and perfection; and be it further*

*Resolved, That Resolution A153 and the work of and documents from Task Force I be referred to a new Title IV Task Force (“Task Force II”) of twelve persons comprising: three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, three members appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, and six other members, to include three members of Task Force I, jointly appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop. Task Force II shall be charged to complete and perfect this vital work, continuing the focus on the following critical goals, concerns, and values:*

1. **Reflect the values, ecclesiology, and theology of the Church;**
2. **Move Title IV towards a reconciliation model for all appropriate circumstances;**
3. **Encourage the prompt resolution of conflicts in the Church and the reconciliation of persons involved in those conflicts at the earliest appropriate time and the lowest appropriate level of the Church;**
4. **Consider the possible inclusion of certain Lay Persons in Title IV whose office or other leadership role makes inclusion appropriate, provided the treatment of their accountability and discipline is commensurate with their lay status, responsibilities, and commitments;**
5. **Maintain the historic pastoral role and canonical authority of Bishops; and**
6. **Respect the roles, rights, and integrity of those persons subject to Title IV, and of injured persons, communities, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, and the Church; and be it further**

*Resolved, That Task Force II meet during the next triennium, giving the Church due notice of its meetings; that it make available such periodic reports of its work as will best inform the Church of its activities; and that it make a final report, with a proposed Title IV revision along with explanatory and educational materials, to the 76th General Convention not later than January 1, 2009; and be it further*

***Resolved, That the 75th General Convention consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 341-343.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Discipline: Title IV Training

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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize  
2 and direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to jointly  
3 appoint a panel of not more than nine persons knowledgeable about clergy discipline and  
4 the requirements of the newly adopted revisions to Title IV of the Canons of The  
5 Episcopal Church to prepare and present materials for and to conduct the education and  
6 training of diocesan personnel in the requirements of the same in such time and fashion  
7 as to enable the several dioceses to complete necessary canonical changes prior to the  
8 effective date of the revised Title IV.  
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**EXPLANATION:**

The adoption of the revised Title IV will require training in its application and some changes in diocesan canons. This resolution is intended to assist in setting this process in motion.

*Endorser(s):*Mr. Thomas A. Little Esq., Stephen F. Hutchinson Esq.

*Review Status:*Not Yet Reviewed for Canonical Form