

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D069
TITLE: Amend Canon I.4.6(d)
PROPOSER: The Rev. Gerald W. Keucher
COMMITTEE: Stewardship and Development

Directly Related: (attached)

1997-A122 Amend Canon I.4.6 [Executive Council Budget]

Indirectly Related:

None

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Title: Amend Canon I.4.6 [Executive Council Budget]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 4, Section 6 be amended as follows:

Sec. 6 (a). *The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session thereof a program the Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.*

After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each Province a statement of the existing and the proposed appropriations for all items in the budget. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention with the budget a plan for the apportionment to the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the program.

(b) . The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and Corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices.

(c) . The budget proposed for adoption by the General Convention shall include provision for support for the Program of the Episcopal Church. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.

(d) . Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single asking of the dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

(e) . After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the bishop of each diocese and to the president of each province a statement of the existing and the proposed askings necessary to support the Budget for the

Episcopal Church. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention, with the budget, a plan for the askings of the respective dioceses of the sum needed to execute the budget.

~~(b)~~ (f). There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of ~~such program~~ *the Budget for the Episcopal Church*; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate action taken thereon by the General Convention. The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, *including but not limited to the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(d) of this Canon*. It shall also have power to undertake such other work provided for in the ~~program budget~~ approved by the General Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income will warrant.

~~(e)~~ (g). Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a ~~program and plan of apportionment~~ *Budget for the Episcopal Church and the planned askings* for the budgetary period, the Council shall formally advise each Diocese ~~with respect to its proportionate part of the estimated expenditure involved in the execution of the program in accordance with the plan of apportionment adopted by the General Convention~~. Such objectives shall be determined by the Council upon an equitable basis *of its share of the total askings to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church*.

~~(d)~~ (h). Each Diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the objective ~~allotted to the asking of such Diocese and the amount of such objective to be raised by each Parish or Mission~~. Each Diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the objective ~~apportioned to asking~~ of the Diocese by the Executive Council in accordance with the plan adopted by the General Convention.

~~(e)~~ (i). The Executive Council shall approve a standard form for use in Dioceses, for the purpose of showing receipts and the distribution of receipts for all purposes. Each Diocese shall annually report to the Executive Council all receipts and the distribution of such receipts on the standard form.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 169f.

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4 by a single asking of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General
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7 the budget approved by the General Convention, ~~the canonical portion of the Budget for~~
8 ~~the Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to~~
9 ~~any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.~~ *the budget shall be adjusted in*
10 *accordance with the Constitution, Canons and the Rules of Order to achieve a balanced*
11 *budget that permits the effective functioning of the Corporate, the Canonical and the*
12 *Program portions of the budget.*
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EXPLANATION:

In the case of a budget shortfall, it is undesirable to pit one portion of the budget against another. The Canonical, Corporate and Program portions of the budget are all important, each in its own way, in order for the Church to fulfill God's mission. It seems preferable to maintain an appropriate balance among the portions of the budget.

Endorser(s): Mr. Peter A. Dawson, Mr. Larry J. Bingham

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