
The Committee on the State of the Church

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The Rev. Thomas F. Pike is authorized by the committee to receive non-substantive amendments to the report in the House of Deputies at the General Convention.

All members of the committee have registered their concurrence with the recommendations of this report.

B. SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

During the past triennium the committee met three times: February 3-4, 1989, in Phoenix, Arizona; February 15-18, 1990, in Guadalajara, Mexico; January 16-17, 1991, in Phoenix, Arizona.

At its first meeting, the committee dealt with matters referred to it by the 1988 General Convention, including the following resolutions:

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- A084sa, to study the funding of the Church at all levels and the accuracy and importance of parochial and diocesan reports.
- A156a, to disseminate the content of its 1988 Blue Book report.
- A160, to support the Church Center staff in providing educational workshops on the substance of the Parochial Report.
- A074, referred to this committee by the Standing Commission on Structure, established the goal of achieving “a balance of women and men appointed to all interim bodies” and other agencies of the Church.

Subsequently in the triennium, the committee concentrated its work in three areas: “The General Convention and the Mind of the Church,” communication and implementation of General Convention actions, and the Parochial and Diocesan Reports.

“The General Convention and the Mind of the Church”

Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another. I urge you then to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind. Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.

(Philippians 2:1-4)

On October 2, 1789, a Deputy from Virginia challenged a resolution proposed in the General Convention by pointing out that “it was so far beyond what was expected by the Church in his state as would cause the measure to be disowned.” Two hundred years after, similar sentiments continue to reverberate throughout the life of the Episcopal Church.

In recent years, Convention has found itself gathering to deal with some 500 varied resolutions. There is no question that some are absolutely necessary, some delightful and considerate, and some very clearly express the mission and ministry of this Church to the satisfaction of the vast majority. However, a growing number seem controversial, partisan and the efforts of special interest groups within our body.

A critical issue before Convention is: how do we come to the gathering of General Convention and enable it to be an occasion for the life of our Church to be formed by the work of the Holy Spirit? How do we best receive this opportunity as a way to grow under the power of the Spirit? How shall we prepare, present and proceed as stewards of the mysteries of Christ called to discern authority as expressed through this large, sometimes unwieldy, gathering of all four orders of ministry? As one step in that direction, we propose the following resolution:

Resolution #A176

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, **That Joint Rule of Order III.12**
- 2 **be amended, effective upon the close of this 70th General Convention, by adding at**
- 3 **the end thereof new sentences reading as follows:**
- 4 *In addition, no proposal for legislative consideration shall be received later than 90*
- 5 *days prior to the opening day of Convention. During Convention, proposals for*
- 6 *legislative consideration may be received by a House, prior to the end of the third*
- 7 *legislative day, from Committees of that House.*

We recommend this action because we believe that we must be better stewards of our time, materials and treasure at General Convention. We believe that this change in the rules will enable broader pre-Convention consideration of proposed legislation by committee members and other interested parties. We believe that it will improve the efficiency of the General Convention and the scheduling of its necessary components. We believe that it will help due process in legislation and offer a better opportunity for the legislation before us to be fairly and thoroughly considered.

It is imperative for each bishop, deputy, and triennial delegate to do the necessary work of preparation. The Blue Book must be read in its entirety before arriving at General Convention. It will be helpful to consult with others in one's diocese for background, opinions, and insight regarding difficult issues. Yet, in using the term "deputy" we make clear that each of us in voting is making a final decision based on the committee reports, hearings, discussion, prayer, and the final perfecting of each resolution. A responsible deputy remains open to new information and considerations until each issue is appropriately resolved.

The most positive results of General Convention come when the committee process is effectively used. The membership of committees in the House of Deputies is carefully selected from the pool of veteran deputies, with deliberate balance of men and women, race, churchmanship, and geographical and political considerations. When possible, needed expertise is added by the choice of committee members and the suggestion of resource people available for discussion but otherwise ineligible to serve as voting members of the committee.

When committees have ample time to investigate a difficult or controversial subject, there is often a coming together of understanding and a lessening of impugning of motives and assassination of character. We find an openness to hear testimony from many different sources. We find an effort to identify the best way to recommend and sometimes to recast such resolutions, in the manner Paul suggests in the second chapter of his letter to the Philippians.

When a committee's work is presented to the entire House, it is important that debate be offered on significant issues. At the same time it is vital to understand that respect for one another within that process is a powerful mark of our calling. Courtesy, understanding, and love for one another are not antithetical to the courageous mission for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The role of parliamentary expertise is most fruitfully employed in enabling the legislative process to move forward. That same expertise also can be used to impede legislation. We all understand that. Yet we hope that those who are so engaged will consider once again the words of Philippians 2 and our Lord's command on the night before he was crucified "that we should love one another."

Finally, we must face the consequences of what happens after General Convention. It is important to remember that a common mind cannot necessarily be achieved in a single gathering of the Convention. It is said of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis that many of his minority opinions eventually became the law of the land. To see every issue in terms of winning or losing, or as an instant and permanent solution, is naive.

To discern how we should proceed in the confines of the essence of the faith often requires time, nurture, and a willingness to wait upon the working of the Holy Spirit. It means continuing prayerful inquiry, honest dialogue and patient understanding. To seek to know and express "the Mind of the Church" has never been simple. The seven Great Councils of early Christendom offer ample evidence of that truth.

The peculiar calling of the General Convention of our Church to engage each triennium in shaping the legislative tools by which the work of Christ might be advanced has great limitations. However, it is an important call, often effective, never perfect, always subject to the mission which God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Communication and Implementation of General Convention Actions

The Committee on the State of the Church affirms and strongly supports the recommendation from the 1988 General Convention that the bishops and deputies of each General Convention be responsible for communicating the actions of this legislative body to their respective dioceses.

A further step in the continuing circular process of communication is the vital role of the Executive Council reporting back to each General Convention what actions have been taken since the prior Convention. The committee affirms this responsibility undertaken by the Executive Council.

The Standing Commission on Structure has referred to this committee for its consideration and insight a proposed canonical change to Canon I.6.2 relating to the annual Diocesan Report:

It (i.e., the Diocesan Report) shall also include information concerning implementation by the Diocese of resolutions of the previous General Convention which have been specifically identified by the Secretary of General Convention under Joint Rule 14 as calling for diocesan action.

The Committee on the State of the Church strongly supports this proposal.

Following and tracking the actions of General Convention is an enormous task, and this committee applauds the office of the General Convention for its initiative in establishing a computerized tracking system for all General Convention resolutions. This system provides a reasonable method by which the large number of actions of General Convention can be accounted for in a reasonable and orderly manner.

The primary vehicle for the dissemination of actions taken by the General Convention has been *The Episcopalian*. This committee urges its successor, the new *Episcopal Life*, to continue the past tradition in serving as the official organ for the presentation in a timely manner of the summary of all General Convention actions. We urge that this publication be sent to every Episcopal home, including a Spanish edition for Province IX.

In addition to this channel, we encourage the Presiding Bishop to reinstitute the Newsletter (along the lines of *I.2.4(b)*) which he provided during his first three years as our Primate. We found it to be a most important tool, as it could be again, in promoting dialogue with the clergy of the Church as well as with other key lay leaders. We believe this Newsletter, in addition to *Episcopal Life*, to be an important means of enhancing that personal communication with the clergy and with interim bodies of the General Convention.

This committee further suggests the development of a "Deputy Pre-Convention Packet" to be drafted by the Church Center's Communication Office and ready for the January meeting of the Committee on the State of the Church prior to each Convention. This packet would include materials provided in the past for deputies before their arrival at Convention, as well as a summary of the ways in which deputies fulfill their tasks and responsibilities following the General Convention. It could then be reviewed and tested by the committee and released for timely distribution to the deputies.

Resolution A074, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church by the Standing Commission on Structure, called for "a balance of women and men appointed to all

interim bodies . . . and agencies of the Church so that the demographics of the worshipping community will be reflected in these appointed bodies." The committee is aware that every effort is being made to move in that direction. It learned, for example, that, while 59 women were appointed to interim bodies in the 1986-88 triennium, 78 women have been appointed to the same bodies in the current triennium. We recognize that 44% of the lay deputies at the 1988 General Convention were women, in a church whose membership is estimated to be 60% women. Various constraints still are limiting factors in the appointing process, and there is need for a better data bank of available leadership.

Redesign of the Parochial and Diocesan Reports

In response to 1988 General Convention Resolutions A160 and A084sa, the Executive Council established an Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Parochial and Diocesan Reports. Seven members of the Committee on the State of the Church served on this Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Bishop Donovan of Arkansas. The Committee also included representatives of the Executive Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, diocesan financial officers and administrators, parish clergy, and Church Center staff.

Subcommittees on Vital Statistics, Financial Statistics, and the Utilization of Statistics met a total of eight times. The full Ad Hoc Committee met three times.

A description of the Ad Hoc Committee and its tasks was published in the workbook of instructions for the completion of the Parochial Reports covering the year ending December 31, 1989. Comments and suggestions about the form and its use were solicited from those in the approximately 7,400 congregations who were responsible for completing the form. Over a period of four months, many phone calls and letters were received; all were acknowledged and reviewed by the Committee, and many of their suggestions and comments were incorporated in the revisions. The Ad Hoc Committee expressed its gratitude to those persons across the Church who took the time to call or write.

As the result of this Committee's work, the Parochial and Diocesan Report forms have been revised to request in clear and consistent form the data for vital and financial statistics required by the canons.

These new forms, having been prepared by the Executive Council and approved by the Committee on the State of the Church, are being sent to all dioceses and congregations to provide statistical information during 1991. The first summaries based on 1991 data from the new forms will be available in 1992.

The Ad Hoc Committee called to the attention of the Executive Council and the Committee on the State of the Church the need to fund and carry out an adequate educational effort in explaining these reports to those persons who complete them and in showing them how to use the data gathered through these reports as planning and development tools for congregations, institutions and dioceses.

The Ad Hoc Committee suggested that the General Convention endorse the use of Parochial and Diocesan Reports by the Executive Council and the Presiding Bishop's staff as planning and development tools, and that some mechanism be established to assist users in meeting their planning and development needs.

The Ad Hoc Committee further requested that the Executive Council include in its report to General Convention an analysis with interpretive comments of the information contained in the Diocesan and Parochial Reports and their implications for mission planning and mission development. It recognized that the contents of these Reports will also continue to be important resources for the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Ad Hoc Committee also asked the Presiding Bishop to have those staff members

who assist the Church in mission planning, congregational development and other aspects of mission strategy draw constantly upon the resources of these Reports.

The Ad Hoc Committee supported the continuing translation of the Parochial and Diocesan Reports into Spanish, and commended the interest of the Center for Hispanic Ministries of Province VII, working with Province IX, in assisting with this translation. It understood that the Executive Council is open to respond in similar fashion to congregations for whom other languages are primary.

Finally, the Committee again encourages those persons in congregations, institutions and dioceses who complete the Parochial and Diocesan Reports to provide feedback on the use of these Reports and suggestions for future revisions.

Analysis of 1989 Parochial Report Information

The data from the 1989 Parochial Reports hold few surprises and are essentially in continuity with the trends of recent years. They also generally parallel the experience of other mainline denominations.

The Episcopal Church's "market share" of the country's population dropped below 1% for the first time in history, to 0.98%. Only Province IV showed steady growth over the last three years. Province III's baptized membership had a statistically insignificant increase from 1988 to 1989, although that may be the harbinger of a turnaround. Nowhere did the Church's membership keep pace with the growth of the population as a whole, however.

A bright spot of encouragement comes in the increase in average church attendance shown in Tables III and IV. The year 1989 was the third highest in available records, with significant increases over 1988 in all provinces except Province II.

The steady increase in giving per household continues to exceed the rise in the cost of living, but it is balanced by the continuing decline in the actual number of pledging units. The proportion of members pledging seems to remain quite constant since the 1986 change in the membership base.

We have been accustomed to look at adult baptisms as a clue to the evangelistic work of conversion to Christ, in contrast to those confirmed and received, who are more likely to have received their primary Christian formation in another branch of the Christian family. It is a matter of concern to see any decline in adult baptisms, however small, as we enter the Decade of Evangelism. Only Province IV shows significant increases in both categories.

Church School enrollment is virtually unchanged over the past three years, quantitatively and proportionally as well as in terms of regional variation.

Enrollment in Parish Day Schools continues to grow almost as rapidly as it did during the boom years of 1970-80. Parish schools are the *only* component of the Church's life which reach significantly more people each year. It was disappointing to find that the resolution sponsored by this committee and passed at the 1988 Convention asking the national Church to study the evangelistic opportunity in these schools had not been effectively implemented.

In 1989 we looked for the first time at the distribution of parish resources in the 1988 Parochial Report, among (a) the diocese and national Church, (b) other work outside the congregation, and (c) local expenses. The pattern identified there, of some small but significant increases in congregational outreach activities, a steady proportion of giving in support of diocesan and national church budgets, and the concurrent, albeit slight, reduction in spending for the congregation's current operations, continued in 1989.

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Parochial and Diocesan Report forms have not been effective to date in securing information from Province IX comparable to that from other provinces. Observation and conversation indicate that the Church is growing in this region. We understand that report forms more responsive to the ministries in Province IX are being developed by another committee. The Committee on the State of the Church strongly urges the Executive Council to work with representatives of Province IX to prepare appropriate forms as quickly as possible.

Table I - Episcopal Church Membership as Percentage of U.S. Population

1930	1.58
1940	1.65
1950	1.69
1960	1.92
1970	1.71
1980	1.37
1985	1.15
1986	1.04
1987	1.02
1988	1.00
1989	0.98

Table II - Baptized Membership Trends

<i>Prov.</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>% of pop.</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>%/yr. change</i>	<i>% of pop.</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>% yr. change</i>	<i>% of pop.</i>
I	333,797	2.70	284,093	-2.48	2.22	273,326	-1.26	2.09
II	439,233	1.76	354,621	-3.21	1.40	324,003	-2.88	1.26
III	446,198	1.81	396,760	-1.85	1.57	392,227	-0.38	1.51
IV	484,728	1.17	472,910	-0.41	1.04	476,367	+0.24	1.01
V	333,471	0.79	282,684	-2.54	0.64	267,788	-1.76	0.59
VI	151,746	1.08	131,193	-2.26	0.90	128,024	-0.81	0.87
VII	267,063	0.98	270,613	+0.22	0.88	260,633	-1.23	0.85
VIII	327,800	0.87	311,633	-0.82	0.73	311,045	-0.06	0.68
Total	2,784,040	1.37	2,504,507	-1.67	1.04	2,433,422	-0.95	0.98

(Note: Because of a change in definition, the reported 1986 baptized membership was 8.6% less than 1985)

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Table III - Total Attendance on Four Key Sundays
(1974-85: Easter, Trinity, Advent I, Lent I; In 1986-87 Pentecost replaced Trinity)

1974	884,358
1975	892,417
1976	938,958
1977	921,947
1978	980,455
1979	1,053,265
1980	1,051,820
1981	1,056,538
1982	1,126,531
1983	1,124,255
1984	1,135,983
1985	1,136,131
1986	1,107,520
1987	1,102,560
1988	1,081,426
1989	1,126,823

<i>Province</i>	Table IV - Average Attendance at Four Key Services				
	<i>1980 attendance</i>	<i>1986 attendance</i>	<i>% of membership</i>	<i>1989 attendance</i>	<i>% of membership</i>
I	120,350	112,826#	39.7	112,626	41.2
II	157,449	147,671	41.6	141,925	43.8
III	185,465	176,230	44.4	181,994	46.4
IV	213,720*	231,296	48.9	247,065	51.9
V	107,046*	119,423	42.3	119,623	44.7
VI	56,746	53,366	40.7	54,155	42.3
VII	100,263*	124,409	46.0	126,547	48.6
VIII	110,802*	142,300	45.7	142,888	45.9
Total	1,051,820*	1,107,520	44.2	1,126,823	46.3

*One or more dioceses not reporting

#Though all dioceses reported, this figure is statistically questionable

<i>Province</i>	Table V - Trends in giving per household per year				
	<i>1980</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>%/year change</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>%/year change</i>
I	\$3.91	\$ 6.59	+ 11.4	\$ 7.93	+ 6.8
II	3.94	6.59	+ 11.2	8.17	+ 8.0
III	5.65	9.43	+ 11.2	11.25	+ 6.4
IV	7.21	11.69	+ 10.4	13.52	+ 5.2
V	6.04	9.51	+ 9.6	11.33	+ 6.3
VI	5.48	8.61	+ 9.5	9.99	+ 5.3
VII	7.78	12.31	+ 9.7	13.92	+ 4.4
VIII	5.69	9.19	+ 10.3	10.85	+ 6.4
Total	5.69	9.38	+ 10.8	11.10	+ 5.8

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Table VI - Pledging Units

<i>Prov.</i>	<i>1983</i>	<i>per 100 members</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>%/yr. change</i>	<i>per 100 members</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>%/yr. change</i>	<i>per 100 members</i>
I	79,964	24.8	75,760	- 5.3	26.7	72,898	-1.3	26.7
II	95,178	22.3	90,774	- 4.6	25.6	84,579	-2.3	26.1
III	115,993	26.1	108,943	- 6.1	27.5	105,603	-1.0	26.9
IV	142,637	28.7	128,034	-10.2	27.1	136,146	+6.3	28.6
V	69,595	21.5	76,824	+10.4	27.2	73,250	-1.6	27.4
VI	30,065	20.2	29,246	-2.7	22.3	28,276	-1.1	22.1
VII	70,301	24.6	69,284	-1.4	25.6	67,842	-0.7	26.0
VIII	88,317	25.5	87,214	-1.2	28.0	80,932	-7.4	26.0
Total	692,050	24.8	666,079	- 3.8	26.6	649,526	-0.8	26.7

Table VII - Adults Baptized

<i>Province</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>
I	464	1.5	590	2.1	521	1.9
II	682	1.7	1,140	3.2	840	2.6
III	948	2.2	1,076	2.7	982	2.5
IV	1,151	2.3	1,395	2.9	1,659	3.5
V	645	2.1	948	3.3	1,121	2.7
VI	351	2.4	409	3.1	459	3.6
VII	828	2.9	1,192	4.4	820	3.1
VIII	1,549	4.5	1,506	4.8	1,455	4.5
Total	6,618	2.4	8,256	3.3	7,817	3.2

Table VIII - Adults Confirmed and Received

<i>Province</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>
I	2,169	6.9	2,006	7.1	2,058	7.5
II	2,775	6.9	2,713	7.6	2,819	8.7
III	4,278	9.7	4,040	10.2	4,319	11.0
IV	7,070	14.3	7,420	15.7	7,897	16.6
V	2,823	9.2	2,739	9.7	2,853	10.7
VI	1,315	9.1	1,387	10.6	1,353	10.6
VII	5,046	17.4	4,787	17.7	4,382	16.8
VIII	3,398	9.9	3,199	10.3	3,216	10.3
Total	28,874	10.5	28,291	11.3	28,897	11.9

Table IX - Trends in Church School Enrollment

<i>Province</i>	<i>1970 Pupils per 100 members</i>	<i>1980 per 100</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>per 100 members</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>per 100 members</i>
I	17.7	14.8	43,701	15.4	44,727	16.4
II	15.9	13.2	54,447	15.4	51,568	15.9
III	19.6	18.1	78,130	19.7	78,238	19.9
IV	29.7	21.9	110,899	23.5	114,566	24.0
V	22.5	17.4	54,096	19.1	53,139	19.8
VI	17.6	16.0	26,894	20.5	24,677	19.3
VII	21.2	20.0	61,435	22.7	61,479	23.6
VIII	18.9	18.1	57,901	18.6	57,315	18.4
Total	20.5	17.6	487,503	19.5	485,709	20.0

Table X - Trends in Parish Day School Pupil Enrollment

<i>Province</i>	<i>1970 pupils per 1000 members</i>	<i>1980 per 1000</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>per 1000 members</i>
I	8.8	12.1	4,138	14.6	4,947	18.1
II	12.4	20.0	9,618	27.1	9,666	29.8
III	18.5	26.9	13,281	33.5	15,086	38.5
IV	41.1	51.3	26,906	56.9	28,506	59.8
V	7.6	8.7	3,852	13.6	4,017	15.2
VI	7.6	12.8	1,521	11.6	1,860	14.5
VII	41.4	66.3	21,939	81.1	21,355	81.9
VIII	20.5	37.0*	12,736	40.9	13,626	43.8
Total	20.0	30.3	93,991	37.5	99,063	40.7

*One diocese not reporting; base reestimated

Table XI - Distribution of Congregational Expenditures

Percentage of total expenditures given to (a) diocese and general (national) Church, (b) to "other outside," and (c) to local expenses

<i>Prov.</i>	<i>1983</i>			<i>1986</i>			<i>1989</i>		
	<i>D/G</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>D/G</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>D/G</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Local</i>
I	10.7	7.6	81.7	11.1	7.3	81.5	11.2	7.4	81.3
II	9.5	6.6	83.9	9.8	6.9	83.2	10.1	10.6	79.3
III	10.3	6.0	83.7	10.4	7.6	82.0	10.1	7.3	82.5
IV	13.2	6.9	79.9	13.4	6.8	79.8	13.2	7.6	79.2
V	12.6	5.5	81.8	12.8	6.0	81.3	12.7	7.3	80.0
VI	13.9	5.1	81.0	14.4	6.2	79.5	14.0	5.3	80.1
VII	15.1	7.5	77.5	15.5	6.5	78.0	15.6	5.7	78.6
VIII	13.6	6.6	79.8	13.8	6.4	79.8	13.9	6.9	79.2
Total	12.2	6.6	81.2	12.4	6.8	80.8	12.4	7.5	80.0

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

	1989	1990	1991
Appropriated by General Convention	\$26,497.00	\$27,592.00	\$27,592.00
Expended	17,856.60	20,866.94	10,463.70*

*As of 2/28/91

D. RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

Resolution #A177

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 70th General Convention
 2 request the Committee on the State of the Church to support the Church Center staff
 3 in its efforts to provide educational workshops to diocesan representatives on the topic
 4 of the Parochial Report so that the dioceses may assist congregations in the current
 5 and timely completion of the reports, and in the effective use of the data in their own
 6 educational and development programs; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That \$10,000 be appropriated in the program budget of the Church to fund
 8 such workshops.

Resolution #A178

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 70th General Convention
 2 call upon the Executive Council to:

3 (1) encourage the Presiding Bishop and his staff to use the Parochial and Diocesan
 4 Reports as planning and development tools, including developing a mechanism
 5 to assist users of these reports in their planning and development tasks;

6 (2) include in its report to the General Convention an analysis with interpretive com-
 7 ments on the information contained in the Parochial and Diocesan Reports and
 8 their implications for mission planning and mission development;

9 (c) continue to review the Parochial and Diocesan Reports for indications of the need
 10 for future revisions, to assure that these reports are the most effective measuring
 11 tools available to the Church.

Resolution #A179

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 70th General Convention
 2 request the Church Center staff to provide the Committee on the State of the Church
 3 annually with information from the Parochial and Diocesan Reports, including
 4 statistics, analysis and commentary, to assist the Committee in fulfilling its obliga-
 5 tion under Canon I.6.3(b).

Resolution #A180

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____, concurring, That the 70th General Conven-
 2 tion strongly urge the Executive Council to continue its efforts to prepare appropriate
 3 Parochial and Diocesan Report forms in order for Province IX to be included in the
 4 current statistical data on the Church and to continue to provide translations of the
 5 Report forms and their instructions in Spanish.

Resolution #A181

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____, concurring, That the General Convention Sum-
 2 mary Issue of *Episcopal Life* be provided for every Episcopal household, including
 3 a Spanish edition for Province IX, with funding for that purpose provided from the
 4 General Convention budget.

THE BLUE BOOK

Resolution #A182

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____, concurring, That the 70th General Con-
2 **vention request the Executive Council, through the Office of Education for Mission and**
3 **Ministry and in cooperation with the National Association of Episcopal Schools, to**
4 **study:**

- 5 (1) **the demographic characteristics of students and staff of Episcopal Day Schools;**
- 6 (2) **the evangelistic and educational opportunities in the mission of the Church, while,**
7 **at the same time, respecting the religious and cultural traditions of others; and**
- 8 (3) **the structural and canonical relationships with the congregations and dioceses with**
9 **which they are associated; and be it further**

10 *Resolved*, That \$25,000 be appropriated from the program budget of the Church for
11 this purpose; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the results of this study, with recommendations, be reported to the
13 71st General Convention in 1994.

G. GOALS FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

The Committee on the State of the Church establishes the following goals for the coming triennium:

1. Observe how the revised Parochial and Diocesan Report forms are being used, and consider revisions which seem desirable as a result.
2. Continue to analyze and interpret the data compiled from the Parochial Reports, and communicate to the Church the profile of its life reflected in this data.
3. Encourage and support programs to educate parishes and dioceses in the use of the data emerging from the Parochial and Diocesan reports for mission and ministry development.
4. Identify and report aspects of health in the Church, particularly in the vitality of its congregational life.
5. Monitor the changes in patterns of giving in the Church as a whole, in order to help the Church recognize and exploit the opportunities provided by these new dynamics.
6. As the only interim body composed entirely of members of the House of Deputies, this committee accepts the responsibility of providing continuity of leadership and concern in the House of Deputies, including serving as an advisory body to the President of the House and attending to the well-being of the House in its work.

F. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TRIENNIUM

	1991	1993	1994
General Convention Appropriation	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

G. RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Resolution #A183

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That there be appropriated from the Assessment Budget of General Convention the sum of \$75,000 for the triennium for the expenses of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Thomas F. Pike, *Chair*
Roswell O. Moore, *Secretary*