

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM, BUDGET AND FINANCE

Membership

The Rev. Canon Mike Ehmer, <i>Chair</i>	Northwest Texas, VII	2021
The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Texas, VII	2021
The Rev. Hickman Alexandre	Long Island, II	2021
The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker	Nebraska, VI	2021
Ms. Cynthia Benkelman	Montana, VI	2021
The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas	Southwestern Virginia, III	2021
Mr. Michael Braxton	Pittsburgh, III	2021
The Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson	Long Island, II	2021
The Rev. Patty Downing	Delaware, III	2021
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque	Colombia, IX	2021
Mr. William Fleener, Jr	Western Michigan, V	2021
The Rev. John Floberg	North Dakota, VI	2021
Mr. Timothy Gee	El Camino Real, VIII	2021
The Rev. David Hincapie	Colombia, IX	2021
The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes	Newark, II	2021
Ms. Kate Huston	Oklahoma, VII	2021
Ms. Tess Judge	East Carolina, IV	2021
The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely	Rhode Island, I	2021
Ms. Nancy Koonce	Idaho, VIII	2021
The Rev. Ivette Linares	Puerto Rico, IX	2021
Ms. Alexizendria Link	Western Massachusetts, I	2021
Mrs. Crystal Plummer	Chicago, V	2021
Mr. David Quittmeyer	Central Gulf Coast, IV	2021
The Rt. Rev. Rayford Ray	Northern Michigan, V	2021
The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel	Olympia, VIII	2021
The Hon. Byron Rushing	Massachusetts, I	2021
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan	Alabama, IV	2021
The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe, <i>Secretary of General Convention, Ex Officio</i>	California, VIII	
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, <i>Ex Officio</i>	North Carolina, IV	
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, <i>Ex Officio</i>	Ohio, V	

Changes in Membership

Deputies Angel Davila, Nathan Humphrey, Mally Lloyd, and Diana Wilcox were replaced by Hickman Alexandre, Ivette Linares, Alexizendria Link, and Byron Rushing.

Acknowledgements

This committee would be lost without the tremendous assistance of Treasurer Kurt Barnes. We're also indebted to Mally Lloyd (the President of the House of Deputies Representative), Patrick Haizel (of the General Convention Office), and Nancy Caparulo (of the Finance Office), who have been extremely helpful to this body.

Mandate

JOINT RULES II.10

(a) There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies.

The Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members *ex officio*, without vote.

The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

(b) The Joint Standing Committee shall elect its Chair from its membership, and such other officers as needed.

The Joint Standing Committee shall be organized in Sections, which shall conform to the major subdivisions of the Budget, as well as Sections on Funding and Presentation, the size and composition of the several Sections to be determined by the Joint Standing Committee.

The Chairs of each Section shall be elected by the Joint Standing Committee; the several Sections shall elect their own Secretaries from among their own membership.

The Joint Standing Committee may refer to a Section any of the duties imposed upon it by this rule; provided, however, that final action on Budget shall be taken only by the full Committee, either in meeting assembled or by a vote by mail.

(c) During the interim between regular Meetings of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and to the Executive Council, holding such meetings as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.

Meetings of the Joint Standing Committee shall be called by the Chair, or upon the request of any five members thereof.

In respect of the Budget for the Episcopal Church, the Joint Standing Committee shall have the power to consider, and either by a vote by mail, or in meeting assembled, to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will warrant; and it shall likewise have the power to adjust the annual askings of Dioceses within the limit established by the General Convention.

With regard to the General Church Program, the Joint Standing Committee shall:

- i. Meet and consult with the Executive Council, or its Administration and Finance Committee, on adjustments to the program priorities, and on alternate income generating resources;
- ii. Receive from the Executive Council, not less than four months prior to the meeting of General Convention, the proposed General Church Program for the upcoming triennium, including a proposed detailed Budget for the year next following that of such Convention;
- iii. Meet in such places as it shall determine, sufficiently in advance of the next General Convention to expedite its work;
- iv. Conduct hearings upon such proposed Program and Budget; and
- v. Consider such proposed Program and Budget and report thereon to the next succeeding General Convention.

(d) Not later than the third day prior to the adjournment of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall report to a Joint Session, pursuant to Canon, a proposed Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing Convention period, subject to the approval of the said Budgets subject also to increase, reduction, or elimination of items, based on open hearings held during the General Convention and by subsequent concurrent action by the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

Summary of Work

Work to Date

As it has since General Convention 77, the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance (FIN) has involved members of PB&F in its work, including budget preparations. The chair of PB&F (Deputy Ehmer) has attended every in-person and virtual meeting of that body as a non-voting member. The vice chair (Bishop Fisher) joined those meetings in October 2020. In the past, such participation permitted a more in-depth understanding of the budget specifics and enabled a smooth transition of the proposed budget from Executive Council to PB&F. We anticipate the same benefits this triennium.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in large adjustments to the calendar 2020 budget, FIN was unable to present a first draft of the 2022-2024 budget at the Executive Council's October 2020 meeting. They didn't begin those budgeting efforts until after that meeting, assuming GC80 would continue as scheduled.

Although PB&F would have traditionally met in October 2020, following the Executive Council meeting, we met for the first and only time to date on November 9, 2020, via Zoom. The meeting served as a brief introduction and review of possible timelines, given the unknown dates of GC80. Three subcommittee chairs were also elected at that meeting: Deputies Fleener, Judge, and Quittmeyer. Along with the chair and vice-chair, they will divide the proposed budget into three sections, with each subcommittee honing their expertise in their own sections.

Anticipated Future Work

Following the announcement on November 20, 2020 that General Convention 80 will be postponed until the summer of 2022, PB&F can now establish a realistic timeline to accomplish our work. FIN plans to publish their draft budget in the fall of 2021, seeking input and comments from around the Church. With that input, they will then refine the draft budget as appropriate and present it the Executive Council in January 2022 for approval.

We anticipate at least one preparatory meeting of PB&F in the fall of 2021 and to receive the proposed budget for 2023-2024 from the Executive Council at a meeting in February 2022. We plan to make the proposed budget available for further comments from across the Episcopal Church that spring.

During General Convention we will conduct hearings to receive additional input and take into consideration all resolutions with budgeting requests. Our work will continue until the point we must stop to have the proposed budget translated before presenting it to a joint session of both houses, which must take place not later than the third day prior to adjournment.