

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-C070
Title: Amend Canon III.9.5.d
Proposer: Province III
Topic: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Province III

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Ministry

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That this 80th General Convention amends Title III, Canon 9, Section 5.d as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Title III, Canon 9, Sec. 5. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with This Church

d. This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter churches not in full communion with The Episcopal Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon *III.9.9* shall be followed.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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Explanation

As written, III.9.5.d requires that a Priest, who desires to enter a church not in full communion with The Episcopal Church, to seek "Ordination to the Diaconate for those called to the Priesthood" (Canon III.8.6). This makes no sense. The more appropriate canonical reference here would seem to be Canon III.9.9: "Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of this Church."

