

**General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022
Archives' Research Report**

Resolution No.: 2022-D055
Title: Amend Canon I.9.1 to Add the Diocese of Cuba
Proposer: Ms. Yvonne O'Neal
Topic: Dioceses

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A238 Admit La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a Diocese
2018-A302 Dar la Bienvenida a La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba
2018-A303 Express Joy at the Recognition of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a Member Diocese

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

None

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Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Ms. Yvonne O'Neal

Endorsed by: Canon Paul Ambos, Ms. Wendy Cañas

Requests New Interim Body: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That Canon III.9.1 be amended to read 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.>**

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The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti, Cuba, and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

The Third Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The Fourth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Louisiana, except for the portion thereof consisting of the Diocese of Western Louisiana.

The Fifth Province shall consist of the Diocese of Missouri, and of the Dioceses within the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

The Sixth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado.

The Seventh Province shall consist of the Dioceses of Western Louisiana and of West Missouri, and of the Dioceses within the States of Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

The Eighth Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Idaho, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii, the Diocese of Taiwan and the Area Mission of Navajoland.

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

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Explanation

Resolution 2018-A238 accepted *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church in union with the General Convention effective upon the adoption by the Executive Council of a resolution approving a certification to it by the Secretary of the General Convention that the Diocese had fulfilled the conditions set forth in such Resolution.

Executive Council by Resolution EXC022020.03 at its meeting on February 13–15, 2020, approved the Constitution of the Diocese of Cuba and accepted and approved the corresponding certification by the Secretary of the General Convention.

Resolution 2018-A238 further provided that following the effective date, "The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church".

This Resolution duly adds the Diocese of Cuba to the listing of Dioceses of the Second Province.



Resolution Number: 2018-A238
Title: Admit La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a Diocese
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, accepting with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**, and welcoming the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church and **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**, admit it to The Episcopal Church and recognize it as a Diocese in union with General Convention, to be effective as set forth in this resolution; and be it further*

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that, while Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution does not expressly provide for creation of a new Diocese from an existing Anglican Communion Diocese, neither does it expressly limit or forbid General Convention from doing so; and be it further

*Resolved, That the General Convention laments the actions of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church in 1966 that led to the precipitous and painful separation of The Episcopal Church and **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention commends the diligence of **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba** in completing the following actions set forth by the Episcopal Church Task Force on Cuba, established by Resolution 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**; sent the changed Constitution and Canons to the Metropolitan Council; pledged in writing to conform with these expectations (submit an annual Diocesan Parochial Report to the Office of The Episcopal Church, pay an Assessment to The Episcopal Church, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from The Episcopal Church); provided education for clergy and laity about The Episcopal Church, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to The Episcopal Church; provided Church Pension Fund with accurate reporting about active clergy and years of service, and retired clergy who are already in the Pension Fund; convened an Extraordinary Synod on May 11, 2018 to designate the choice of a province; and sent members to visit at the 79th General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba** has agreed to undertake all responsibilities pertaining to diocesan membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, fully conforming its constitution and canons to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; submitting annual diocesan parochial reports; contributing annually to the assessment for the budget of The Episcopal Church; and reporting fully on any financial assistance it receives from the such budget; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for its long and continuing support for **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to acquaint themselves with the ministries of **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba**, to work in harmony and companionship with **La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba** for evangelism, mutual understanding, and the full expression of God's mission, and to consider*

ways in which they can be in relationship and partnership with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* going forward; and be it further

Resolved, That the acceptance of the Diocese of Cuba into union with the General Convention shall become effective on such date as the Executive Council adopts a resolution accepting and approving a certification to it by the Secretary of the General Convention that he has received from the Diocese of Cuba the following:

- (1) A certified copy of the Constitution of the Diocese that contains an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and otherwise conforms in essential part to such Constitution and Canons;**
- (2) A certified copy of the Canons of the Diocese that conform in essential part to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church;**
- (3) An annual diocesan parochial report as required by Canon I.6 for the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution;**
- (4) A commitment by the Diocese to a contribution to the budget of The Episcopal Church for the year in which the Diocese is to come into union with the General Convention;**
- (5) An accounting of any funds received by the Diocese from the General Convention budget in the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution; and**
- (6) Evidence that all clergy in the Diocese have complied with the requirements of Canon III.10 and Article IX of the Constitution.**

And be it further

Resolved, That, following such effective date,

- (1) The Diocese of Cuba shall take such steps as shall be required by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Cuba to be received as a Bishop of The Episcopal Church;**
- (2) The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church;**
- (3) The Diocese of Cuba shall be entitled to all rights pertaining to membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, seat, voice, and vote in the House of Bishops and in the House of Deputies, in accordance with the rules of those Houses.**

And be it further

Resolved, That the Bishop Diocesan of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba upon passage of this Resolution be eligible to participate in the House of Bishops consistent with its rules of order; and be it further

Resolved, That immediately upon the close of business of the 79th General Convention, the active clergy of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba shall become eligible to participate going forward in the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP) and its related plans, which will be administered by the Church Pension Fund (CPF) consistent with the terms of the ICPP, an administration agreement between La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and CPF, and applicable law, including the receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church, together with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and other potential ministry partners, in consultation with CPF, to collaborate on a plan to fund the past service liability accrued by the active clergy of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and The Episcopal Church as they fully reunify; said body would consist of eight members, four from La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and four from The Episcopal Church jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of

the House of Deputies, to facilitate complete reunification of life, ministry, and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the principle that dioceses of this church that are not located within the United States may seek autonomy according to the procedures set forth in Resolution A235 of the 1991 General Convention or may join other provinces of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance to consider a Budget allocation of \$400,000 for ministry and mission of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and \$50,000 for the interim body's work for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 461-463.



Resolution Number: 2018-A302
Title: Dar la Bienvenida a La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted
Final Text:

Se resuelve, Que la reunión de la Cámara de Obispos en esta 79.^a Convención General de la Iglesia Episcopal, reunida en Austin, Texas, regocijándose por la votación unánime de esta Cámara el 10 de julio de 2018 para reconocer a la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba como una diócesis miembro de la Iglesia Episcopal, revirtiendo así una prolongada injusticia infligida a la Iglesia de Cuba por nuestros predecesores en esta Cámara el 27 de octubre de 1966, da gracias a Dios Todopoderoso por la fidelidad de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba desde ese día. Y además reconoce el ministerio del Consejo Metropolitano de Cuba, compuesto por el Primado de la Iglesia Anglicana del Canadá, el Primado de la Provincia de los West Indies y el Obispo Primado de esta Iglesia, en su supervisión pastoral de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba.

Y además expresar nuestra profunda gratitud a la Iglesia Anglicana del Canadá por el fiel apoyo que ha proporcionado de atención y ayuda a la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba durante estos años en que la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba ha luchado para mantener la fe viva en su país, y ha prevalecido.

Y además darle la bienvenida con júbilo a la Rvdma. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, obispa de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, a su legítimo asiento en esta Cámara.

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, rejoicing in the unanimous vote of this House on July 10, 2018, to recognize la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a member diocese of The Episcopal Church, thereby reversing a long injustice inflicted on the Church in Cuba by our predecessors in this House on October 27, 1966, gives thanks to Almighty God for the faithfulness of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba since that day;

And further acknowledges the ministry of the Metropolitan Council of Cuba, composed of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Primate of the Church of the Province of the West Indies, and the Presiding Bishop of this Church, in their pastoral oversight of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba;

And further expresses our profound gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for the faithful support that they have provided for the care and assistance to La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba during these years in which La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has struggled to keep the faith alive in their country, and prevailed;

And further welcomes with jubilation the Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio, the Bishop of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, to her rightful seat in this House.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 1098-1099.



Resolution Number: 2018-A303
Title: Express Joy at the Recognition of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a Member Diocese
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church rejoices in its unanimous vote on July 11, 2018 to recognize La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a member diocese of The Episcopal Church, reversing a long injustice, and gives thanks to Almighty God for the faithfulness of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further
Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the ministry of the Metropolitan Council of Cuba and the Anglican Church of Canada for care and assistance to La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba during those years it struggled to keep the faith alive in its country; and be it further
Resolved, That we welcome with jubilation The Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Bishop of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, and the deputation from Cuba to their rightful seats in their respective Houses.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 714.