

## **General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report**

**Resolution No.:** 2024-C005  
**Title:** Diocesan Conversations Regarding Provinces  
**Proposer:** Province VI  
**Topic:** Provinces

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2018-A072 Direct Dioceses to Review Provincial Relationships

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

2015-C031 Request Study of the Number and Size of Dioceses  
2003-A075 Charge Dioceses to Foster a Culture of Mission  
1994-A040 Support Mission Programs at Local, Diocesan and Provincial Levels

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2022, 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](#).*

# C005 - Diocesan Conversations Regarding Provinces

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Province VI

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib:** No

**Directs Dfms Staff:** No

**Directs Dioceses:** Yes

**Directs Executive Council:** No

**HiA:** No House Assigned

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** No Committee Assigned

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That each Diocese (bishops, clergy, and laity) discuss the ways it will be in relationship and support the identified ministries of the Province of which they are a part. Dioceses will offer this support to the Province through the Provincial Council/Executive Committee meetings prior to the 2027 General Convention.

## Explanation

The intent of this resolution is to ask Dioceses to talk about their relationship with their Province. It is an opportunity to share the purpose and mission of the Province with those in each Diocese who have had little connection with the Provincial structure. All too often a "blanket" statement is made about Provinces; and this resolution offers an opportunity for each Diocese to look more closely at its actions and beliefs about the Provincial part of the overall structure of The Episcopal Church.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A072  
**Title:** Direct Dioceses to Review Provincial Relationships  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each diocese of this Church review its involvement in and relationship to its current province, and faithfully discern whether, based on its identity, gifts and needs, it may wish to explore established constitutional and canonical paths toward becoming a constituent diocese of a different province.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 897.