

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-C007
Title: Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure
Proposer: Province VI
Topic: Provinces, Structure

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-C059 On the Topic of Support for Provincial Ministry (Rejected)
2000-B005 Reaffirm System of Geographic Provinces

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

2018-A073 Direct Governing Bodies to Consider Impact on Provinces in All Decision making
1973-B082 Develop a Strong Regional System Utilizing Existing Provinces and Coalitions

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](#).

C007 - Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Province VI

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$80,000.00

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: No

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

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That The Episcopal Church (TEC) support the Provincial part of The Episcopal Church structure by:

- participating in the networking and, when appropriate, the ministries of the Provinces
- ensuring each Province has the resources it needs to fulfill its commitment and responsibility to The Episcopal Church
- consulting with the Provinces for their support and participation in identifying qualified persons to serve TEC on various Interim Bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That Provincial ministry of TEC be partially funded through the establishment of a budget line for Provinces I - VIII in TEC budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Representatives to Executive Council and the Provincial Leadership Conference together determine how this funding is to be distributed throughout Provinces I - VIII each year. Each Province will include its accounting for any funding received in the annual Provincial report to Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That The General Convention request a budget allocation of \$80,000 per budget year for the implementation of this resolution.

Explanation

Province IX currently receives funding from TEC; therefore, Province IX is not included in this request.

Provinces are part of The Episcopal Church structure; and this relationship has the potential to strengthen other relationships of TEC (church wide programs and ministries) with the Dioceses. The Province is committed to strengthening the connections between the Dioceses within the Province as well as with the wider Episcopal Church. The responsibility for the functioning of the Province is shared between the Dioceses in the Province and the wider Episcopal Church. Part of the responsibility involves the financial support that helps to enable the ministry of the Province.

in order for the system to work the best it can, each part must be cared for. This resolution offers one concrete way of supporting the Provincial part of the system called The Episcopal Church.



Resolution Number: 2022-C059
Title: On the Topic of Support for Provincial Ministry
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That The Episcopal Church strengthen the connection and collaboration between The Episcopal Church and its Provinces and Dioceses by enhancing the mission, ministry, and networking of the Provinces, facilitating the partnership between The Episcopal Church and the Provinces, and supporting the Provinces in fulfilling canonical responsibilities; and be it further

Resolved, That this Provincial ministry be partially funded through the establishment of a budget line item for Provinces I – VIII, said allocation to be \$10,000 per Province per fiscal year and to be accounted for in the annual Provincial report submitted to Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate \$160,000 for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for the implementation of this resolution.



Resolution Number: 2000-B005
Title: Reaffirm System of Geographic Provinces
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention reaffirm the current system of organizing the dioceses of our church into geographical provinces for more effective mission and ministry, in recognition of the momentum, positive experiences, and energy within the provinces during this triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the provinces utilize and broaden existing networks and resources to strengthen and expand their capacity to facilitate, coordinate, and support their mission and ministry initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That provinces continue to fulfill their canonical responsibilities and those that may be assigned to them by General Convention or Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That provinces demonstrate accountability by reporting regularly to dioceses, Provinces, and Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church be directed to work with the Executive Council and the provincial leadership to study and make recommendations to the 74th General Convention in the following areas:

- **The role and responsibilities of provinces regarding the sharing of national and regional program resources;**
- **The future of Province IX, working with the Standing Commission on World Mission and the individual dioceses.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 516.