

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-C019
Title: Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church
Proposer: Alabama
Topic: Budget, Dioceses

Directly Related: (Attached)

2022-A228 Adopt the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

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

2022-A048 Amend Canons and Rules of Order to Implement Task Force on Budget Process
Recommendations
2000-D041 On the Topic of the Canon on the Budget of the Episcopal Church (Rejected)

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](#).

C019 - Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Alabama

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

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: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: Yes

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 81st General Convention approves an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.i and Canon I.6.4) for the two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023-2024 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, that the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church asks Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2030.

Explanation

We believe in the abundance of God, and celebrate the importance of our shared ministry with one another in Christ's Church, we believe now more than ever, it is crucial to keep more resources within the local parishes so that ministry can thrive on the congregational and diocesan level.

In our post-COVID and ever-changing world, more and more congregations' budgets are feeling the strains of ministry – from building maintenance to appropriate ministry staff to rising healthcare costs.

The 193rd Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, joining in solidarity with other dioceses, submits this resolution to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church and encourages all other dioceses to endorse this or similar resolutions at upcoming Diocesan Conventions and Councils in advance of the 2024 General Convention.



Resolution Number: 2022-A228
Title: Adopt the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention adopt the 2023-2024 budget for The Episcopal Church, as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, at total income of \$100,493,452 and total expenditures of \$100,493,452; and be it further
Resolved, That the assessment formula (Canon I.4.6(b)) for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 is adopted based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2023 and 2024, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6(j) and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2023 assessments are to be based on 2021 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 15%; and be it further
Resolved, That the 2023-2024 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), p. 911.