

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A003  
**TITLE:** Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention  
**PROPOSER:** Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements  
**TOPIC:** General Convention

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2003-A144 Amend Canon I.1.14 [Of the General Convention]  
1982-A101 Amend Canon I.1 [Add Sec. 15: Site of General Convention]

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

1979-A099 Amend Joint Rule VI.17 [Committee on Planning and Arrangements]

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

*(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements](#), see page 535.*

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, 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 at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*

# A003 Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.1.14(a) as follows:
- 2 Sec. 14(a) At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the ~~third~~ *second* succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.

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## EXPLANATION

This proposed change in the canon reflects the practice of the last several triennia, and conforms to contemporary norms for professional convention planning.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-A144  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.1.14 [Of the General Convention]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Canon I.1.14 be amended to read as follows:*

- (a) **At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the *second third* succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.**
- (b) **From the sites recommended by the Joint Committee, the General Convention shall approve no fewer than three nor more than five sites as possible for such meeting of the General Convention.**
- (c) **From the sites approved by the General Convention, the Joint Committee, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the following: The Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of both Houses of Convention, the Presidents of the Provinces and the Executive Council, shall determine the site for such General Convention and proceed to make all reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments for that meeting of the General Convention. ~~The site shall be recommended before the meeting of the General Convention next preceding that Convention. The site and date thus selected shall be deemed to have been appointed by the General Convention, as provided in the Constitution.~~**
- (d) **~~Subject to the Constitution, the General Convention shall appoint a site at the General Convention next preceding such Convention.~~**
- (e) (d) **Upon the final selection of and the arrangements for the site for that General Convention, the Joint Committee shall advise the Secretary of General Convention, who shall communicate the determination to the Dioceses.**
- (f) **~~In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the site of a future meeting of the General Convention previously determined by action of the General Convention, the Joint Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Presiding Bishop, to the President of the House of Deputies, and to the Executive Council if such Convention is the next succeeding meeting or to the General Convention with respect to any later meeting of the Convention.~~**
- (g) (e) **Within such guidelines as may have been established by the General Convention regarding the date and length of future General Conventions, and pursuant to the reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments with the Dioceses and operators of facilities within the Diocese in which the next General Convention will be held, the Joint Committee shall fix the date and the length of the next succeeding Convention, report the**

**same to the Secretary of the General Convention and include the same in its report to the Convention. In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date or length previously fixed, the Joint Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, who, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, may fix a different date or length or both.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 2003* (New York: General Convention, 2004), p. 350f.



**Resolution Number:** 1982-A101  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.1 [Add Sec. 15: Site of General Convention]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Substituted and Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Title I, Canon 1 be amended by the addition of the following:*

*Sec. 15(a) At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the second succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.*

*(b) From the sites recommended by the Joint Committee, the General Convention shall approve not less than three sites as possible for the second succeeding meeting of the General Convention.*

*(c) From the sites approved by the General Convention, the Joint Committee, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the following: The Presidents of both Houses of Convention, the Presidents of the Provinces and the Executive Council, shall determine the site for such General Convention and proceed to negotiate all reasonable and necessary arrangements for that meeting of the General Convention. The site shall be recommended before the meeting of the General Convention next preceding that Convention.*

*(d) Subject to the Constitution, the General Convention shall appoint a site at the General Convention next preceding such Convention.*

*(e) Upon the final selection of and the arrangements for the site for the General Convention, the Joint Committee shall advise the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall communicate the determination to the Diocese.*

*(f) In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the site of a future meeting of the General Convention previously determined by action of the General Convention, the Joint Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council if such Convention is the next succeeding meeting or to the General Convention with the approval of the Executive Council with respect to any later meeting of the Convention.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-65.