GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A072

TITLE: Provincial Geographic Boundaries

PROPOSER: Task Force to Study Provinces

TOPIC: Provinces

Directly Related: (Attached)

1976-A016 Amend Canon I.8.2 [Addition and Transfer of Dioceses to Provinces]

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

2015-C027 Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]
2015-D011 Study the Effects of Eliminating Provinces
2000-B005 Reaffirm System of Geographic Provinces

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) *Report to General Convention*, Task Force to Study Provinces, see page 936.

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.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, dioceses review, consider and align with whichever province best serves their identity and needs, as the Constitution and Canons allow.

EXPLANATION

Over the years, there are dioceses that identify more readily with a province other than the one in which they geographically find themselves. The Task Force on Provinces recognizes that it may be important as The Episcopal Church commits to reviewing the provincial system, that each diocese review and commit to a particular province. The Constitution and Canons both comment on the option dioceses have of shifting to a different province.

ARTICLE VII
Dioceses may be united into Provinces in such manner, under such conditions, and with such powers, as shall be provided by Canon of the General Convention; provided, however, that no Diocese shall be included in a Province without its own consent.

Title I Canon 9 Sec.3 (b)
By mutual agreement between the Synods of two (2) adjoining Provinces, a Diocese or Area Mission may transfer itself from one of such Provinces to the other, such transfer to be considered complete upon approval thereof by the General Convention. Following such approval, Canon I.9.1 shall be appropriately amended.

Resolution Number: 1976-A016

Title: Amend Canon I.8.2 [Addition and Transfer of Dioceses to Provinces]

Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, **That Canon I.8.1 [sic] be amended by designating present Sec. 2 as Sec. 2(a) and by adding the following:**

(b) By mutual agreement between the Synods of two adjoining Provinces, a Diocese may transfer itself from one of such Provinces to the other, such transfer to be considered complete upon approval thereof by the General Convention. Following such approval, Canon I.8.1 [sic] shall be appropriately amended.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, 1976* (New York: General Convention, 1977), p. C-40.