

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A073
TITLE: Mandates to Provinces
PROPOSER: Task Force to Study Provinces
TOPIC: Provinces

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-C027 Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]

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

2015-A015 Continue Support for Province IX Sustainability
2012-A106 New Title: Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force to Study Provinces](#), see page 937.

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.

A073 Mandates to Provinces

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That prior to enacting legislative actions involving provinces, governing bodies, including General Convention and Executive Council, review the action in order to determine if all provinces have the capacity to enact these actions and make adjustments in the legislation to allow for diversity in responses.

EXPLANATION

Recognizing that provinces vary, sometimes widely, in their capacity to respond to requests/actions given in a general statement or mandate for the whole church, it is important that those requests/mandates be carefully reviewed prior to their issuance in order to ensure success. The province being asked needs to have the ability to respond and if it does not, it will ensure failure. Each province may have the intent of carrying out the requests, but may not have the capacity to do so which leads to frustration for both the province and the body issuing the request. There are a variety of factors determining capacity in each province such as population, financial resources, geographical issues and organizational structures.



Resolution Number: 2015-C027
Title: Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Canon I.9 be amended to insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:

Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate interdiocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts.; and be it further

Resolved, That the final sentence of Canon I.9.7 be amended as follows:

Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen~~elect~~ed.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Leadership Council, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons and any other person or group the Provincial Leadership Council deem appropriate, review the Provinces in order to develop best practices and other recommendations for Provinces, including (a) facilitating mission opportunities, communications, networking and collaboration and (b) reviewing potential geographic, affiliation and/or composition changes to Provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons is directed to study whether there should be a revision to the Canons to provide for a single Court of Review for Priests and Deacons instead of Provincial Courts of Review (Canons IV.5.4 and IV.15), and report back to the 79th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 449.