

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A074
TITLE: The Prophetic Voice of Provinces
PROPOSER: Task Force to Study Provinces
TOPIC: Provinces

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-C027 Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]
2012-A106 New Title: Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]
2000-B005 Reaffirm System of Geographic Provinces

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

2000-B011 Appropriate Funds for Provincial Program Coordinators

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.

A074 The Prophetic Voice of Provinces

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each province exercise its prophetic vision and voice for The Episcopal Church, in calling forth and nourishing the ministry and mission networks throughout the province; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the Provincial Leadership Conference help to build the collaborations across the provincial boundaries, and with the ministry offices at The Episcopal Church noting particularly the resources used and additional resources that would benefit the networks, submit this data to Executive Council at the end of each budget year.

EXPLANATION

The provincial work of connecting and communicating is best exemplified by the functioning of networks – those mission and ministry groups that seek to respond to God’s call in their places. The prophetic work of provinces is to support those functioning networks in keeping God’s dream in front of the people and just as importantly to call networks into being when the need for the network begins to emerge. The province, due to its broader view, is in a unique position to detect the emerging areas that need response from the Church. By nurturing the relationship with both the member dioceses and The Episcopal Church, provinces are able to voice concerns and responses.



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.



Resolution Number: 2012-A106
Title: New Title: Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Canon I.9 be amended by adding a new subsection 12 to read as follows:
Sec. 12. The President of each Province shall annually submit to the Executive Council a written report on the ministries, programs and other work of the Province, including a description of how funds appropriated by the General Convention have been used, and shall report on their work to the Executive Council, on the date and in the form specified by the Executive Council.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 250.



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.