

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A076  
**TITLE:** Amend Canon I.1.14(c)  
**PROPOSER:** Task Force to Study Provinces  
**TOPIC:** Canons

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2015-C027 Amend Canon I.9 [Of Provinces]  
2003-A144 Amend Canon I.1.14 [Of the General Convention]

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

2000-B005 Reaffirm System of Geographic Provinces  
1982-A101 Amend Canon I.1 [Add Sec. 15: Site of General Convention]

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force to Study Provinces](#), see page 938.

*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 Canon I.1.14 (c) of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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 and date thus selected shall be deemed to have been appointed by the General Convention, as provided in the Constitution.

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## EXPLANATION

The Task Force on Provinces is recommending that provinces focus on the mission of the Church and remove themselves from all the canonical responsibilities that may be necessary for the organization but that don't apply to furthering the mission of the Church. The task of approving the site of General Convention does not seem to relate to the mission of the Church.



**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:** 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.