

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
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TITLE: Amend Canons pertaining to Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Canons

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.9.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 CANON 9: Of Provinces
 - 3 Sec 1. Subject to the proviso in Article VII of the Constitution, the Dioceses of this Church shall be and are hereby united into Provinces as follows:
 - 4 The First Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
 - 5 The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the ~~Convocation of American Churches in Europe~~ *The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe*.
 - 6 And be it further
 - 7 *Resolved*, That Canon II.3.6(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 8 II.3.6(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the ~~Convocation of the American Churches in Europe~~ *Convocation of the Episcopal Churches in Europe*, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.
 - 9 And be it further
 - 10 *Resolved*, That Canon III.5.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 11 III.5.1.(b) The Council of Advice of the ~~Convocation of American Churches in Europe~~ *Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe*, and the board appointed by a Bishop having
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jurisdiction in an Area Mission in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.11.2(c), shall, for the purpose of this and other Canons of Title III have the same powers as the Standing Committee of a Diocese.

EXPLANATION

The changes put forward above serve to make the Canons consistent when referring to a particular body, in this instance the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, which had been referred to as the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. The changes clarify which denominations the Canons hold authority over in Europe.



Resolution Number: 2012-A156
Title: Amend Constitution Article I.4 [House of Deputies--Second Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the "Convocation of the American Churches in Europe" to "Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe" as follows:

Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of ~~the American~~Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of ~~the American~~Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 712-713.