

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A116
TITLE: Amend Canon I.1.2(n) regarding Title IV Training
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A006 Amend Canon I.1.2 [Standing Commissions of the General Convention]
2015-A150 Develop Title IV Training Materials

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

None

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see page 429.

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.1.2(n) be amended to add the following subsection (vii) to read in full as follows:
 - 2 *(vii) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the Title IV training materials, including drafting such changes as are necessitated by changes to these Constitution and Canons, or as may be deemed appropriate to maintain such training materials in a current and effective status.*
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the ongoing maintenance and updating of the Title IV training materials and website.

EXPLANATION

In the 2015 - 2018 Triennium, the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons completed the task of developing an interactive website for training all people on the processes of Title IV. That website will require continued maintenance, and will need to be kept current as to content based on future revisions or amendments to the Constitution and Canons.



Resolution Number: 2015-A006
Title: Amend Canon I.1.2 [Standing Commissions of the General Convention]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

[*Resolved*, that Canon I.1.2(n) be stricken in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:]

(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

(1) A Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form, including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of the General Convention, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment.

(ii) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review, propose to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical provisions; provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of the appropriate Legislative Committees of the General Convention, such amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

(iii) On the basis of such review, suggest to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to its By-laws as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the Constitution and Canons.

(iv) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized "Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church" to reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the purpose of the "Annotated Constitution and Canons," and facilitate the publication of this document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

(v) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

(vi) Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several

Committees, Commissions, and Boards to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, Commission, Board or Agency, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

Citation: Canon I.1.2(n) is excerpted from the Final Text of 2012-A006, which revised Canon I.1.2(n). See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 343-347.



Resolution Number: 2015-A150
Title: Develop Title IV Training Materials
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission of Constitution and Canons to develop and implement Title IV training materials for use throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$339,220 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the development of such materials; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$224,820 for the implementation of this resolution, such amount to be used for the translation of the Title IV training materials into Spanish and Creole.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 668.