

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A137  
**TITLE:** Request Budget Allocation for Work of Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**TOPIC:** Budget

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2015-A107 Fund CCAB Meetings During the 2016-2018 Triennium  
2012-C095 Establish a Task Force on Church Structure

**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 458.*

*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.*

# A137 Request Budget Allocation for Work of Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$125,000 for the continued work of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons in the next triennium.

## EXPLANATION

As evidenced in its Blue Book Report, the Commission was able to accomplish a great deal of work in this triennium. Because of the ongoing necessity of oversight and continued changes to our Structure, Constitution and Canons, the Commission will have much work to do going forward. The Commission has had twenty (20) members, which was an excellent size. We were able to be flexible and productive with that number, a great asset given that additional work due to our new mandate from the structural changes authorized by General Convention in 2015. We had four (4) in person meetings, which was sufficient to accomplish our work. We believe that for the next triennium, funding for four (4) in person meetings, as well as a Zoom license for video conferences, would be sufficient to accomplish the work. In addition to the ongoing work of the Commission outlined in our Canonical Mandate, we have identified a number of important tasks to be accomplished in the next triennium in our report to the 79th General Convention.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-A107  
**Title:** Fund CCAB Meetings During the 2016-2018 Triennium  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Executive Council consider including adequate funding for at least two in-person meetings of each CCAB in the 2016-2018 budget and in future triennial budgets.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 433.



**Resolution Number:** 2012-C095  
**Title:** Establish a Task Force on Church Structure  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That this General Convention believes the Holy Spirit is urging The Episcopal Church to reimagine itself, so that, grounded in our rich heritage and yet open to our creative future, we may more faithfully:*

- **Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**
- **Teach, baptize and nurture new believers**
- **Respond to human need by loving service**
- **Seek to transform unjust structures of society**
- **Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;**  
and be it further

*Resolved, That this General Convention establish a Task Force under the Joint Rules of Order, whose purpose shall be to present the 78th General Convention with a plan for reforming the Church's structures, governance, and administration; and be it further*

*Resolved, That this Task Force shall be accountable directly to the General Convention, and independent of other governing structures, to maintain a high degree of autonomy; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Task Force shall have as many as 24 members, appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies by September 30, 2012. The membership of the Task Force shall reflect the diversity of the Church, and shall include some persons with critical distance from the Church's institutional leadership; and be it further*

*Resolved, That, in order to be informed by the wisdom, expertise, and commitment of the whole body of the Church, the Task Force shall gather information and ideas from congregations, dioceses and provinces, and other interested individuals and organizations, including those not often heard from; engage other resources to provide information and guidance, and shall invite all these constituencies to be joined in prayer as they engage in this common work of discernment; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Task Force shall convene a special gathering to receive responses to the proposed recommendations to be brought forward to the 78th General Convention, and shall invite to this gathering from each diocese at least a bishop, a lay deputy, a clerical deputy, and one person under the age of 35. It may also include representatives of institutions and communities (e.g., religious orders, seminaries, intentional communities); and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Task Force shall report to the whole Church frequently, and shall make its final report and recommendations to the Church by November 2014, along with the resolutions necessary to implement them, including proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Church; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider adding \$400,000 to the 2013-2015 triennial budget, to enable this Resolution to be implemented energetically and successfully, "...for surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 247-248.