

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A139
TITLE: Analysis of Data from Episcopal Elections
PROPOSER: Task Force on the Episcopacy
TOPIC: Appointments/Elections

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-A144 Monitor Underrepresented Groups in Episcopal Elections

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

2009-A145 Request Study of Diocesan Processes to Recruit Persons of Color

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see page 719.

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 the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions engage one or more experts in data analysis to analyze the demographic and other data received from the electing dioceses, and when a sufficient number of electing dioceses have reported, but at least triennially, report the results of the analysis, in such form as the Board shall deem appropriate, to the Executive Council and triennially to the General Convention, the reports to be made public promptly after review by the Executive Council.

EXPLANATION

The collected data will be far more useful to the Church with the benefit of professional data analysis. The resulting annual reports should be made available church-wide.



Resolution Number: 2012-A144
Title: Monitor Underrepresented Groups in Episcopal Elections
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention request the Office of Pastoral Development to work with other offices to monitor the ratio of female to male candidates, nominees, and electees to episcopal offices, as well as other underrepresented groups (such as racial and ethnic minorities), and to report annually to the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention direct the Office of Pastoral Development to work with other offices in analyzing existing data on episcopal transition processes, Called to Serve survey findings, and other relevant research to determine and recommend steps to help improve the ratio of episcopal electees and nominees who are female or members of other underrepresented groups, and to report appropriate recommendations to the 78th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention direct the Office of Pastoral Development to advise dioceses moving toward or in the midst of episcopal transitions about the extent to which the process is affected by gender, racial and other cultural bias that can perpetuate discrimination, and to work with these dioceses to develop steps that ensure the elimination of this bias.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), p. 508.