

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A141
TITLE: Training of Transition Consultants
PROPOSER: Task Force on the Episcopacy
TOPIC: Appointments/Elections

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-D004 Appoint a Task Force on the Episcopacy

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

2012-A144 Monitor Underrepresented Groups in Episcopal Elections
2009-A104 Request Dioceses to Fund Multicultural Leadership Development
2003-A063 Encourage Diversity in Diocesan Leadership

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see page 720.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That electing dioceses are urged to engage Transition Consultants who have been thoroughly trained in programs developed or recommended by the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions, including training in practices that have been demonstrated to improve diversity.

EXPLANATION

The pilot Board for Episcopal Transition's development of best practices for achieving leadership diversity goals and aspirations might achieve little progress unless the Transition Consultants used by dioceses are themselves well-versed in those best practices. It needs to be clear that this training is of an entirely different order than typical diversity training programs.



Resolution Number: 2015-D004
Title: Appoint a Task Force on the Episcopacy
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That a Task Force on the Episcopacy be appointed by the Presiding Officers composed of three bishops, three presbyters or deacons, and six lay persons; and be it further Resolved, That at least one member of the Task Force will have been a finalist in an Episcopal search who did not receive enough votes for election in the last three years; at least one member of the Task Force will have served as a Transition Consultant in an Episcopal search over the past three years; and at least two members of the Task Force will have served on an Episcopal Search and/or Transition Committee in an Episcopal search process over the past three years; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will study the election, appointment, roles, and responsibilities of the Episcopate, including the use of Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan, Provisional Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Assistant Bishops in this Church; looking specifically at the particular gifts, life experience, and expertise required for episcopal office; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will pay particular attention to the recent trend away from a diverse House of Bishops, and seek ways to encourage diversity in the Episcopate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will propose to the 79th General Convention a new process for discernment, nomination, formation, search, election, and transition of bishops in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to: the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Pastoral Development; the selection of, roles and responsibilities of Transition Consultants; how adjoining dioceses may aid and inform the discernment of a diocese in transition; and any required Constitutional and Canonical changes necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will work with the Office of Pastoral Development to develop best practices and educational materials to be published electronically and made publicly available, and may use some of its budget to retain consultants who will help with this task; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 457-458.