

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A169  
**TITLE:** Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)  
**PROPOSER:** Task Force on the Episcopacy  
**TOPIC:** Canons

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(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see pages 762-763.

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (l) A resigned Bishop may, ~~with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides,~~ accept an appointment by the Bishop Diocesan to any position created under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, ~~including that of Assistant Bishop for which an appointment is permitted~~ and may, at the same time, occupy a pastoral charge.
- 3 (m) A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan, *including that of Supply Bishop*, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

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## EXPLANATION

The amendment to Section 9(l) clarifies that Assistant Bishops are no longer appointed and that the Bishop Diocesan may appoint resigned Bishops to positions for which appointments are permitted. The amendment to Section 9(m) clarifies that a resigned bishop over the age of seventy-two may act as a Supply Bishop, providing temporary coverage when the Bishop of the Diocese is temporarily unavailable, such as during a vacation or sabbatical or providing other episcopal or sacramental services on a temporary or part-time basis.