

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-B030  
**TITLE:** Review of Nominations for Trustees of The Church Pension Fund  
**PROPOSER:** The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool  
**TOPIC:** Church Pension Fund

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2003-D042 On the Topic of the Canon on Trustees of the CPF (Rejected)  
1994-D119 On the Topic of the Canon on the Election of CPF Trustees (Rejected)  
1988-A173 On the Topic of the Joint Rule on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations  
(Rejected)  
1982-D074 On the Topic of Open Nominations for CPF Trustees (Rejected)  
1979-D065 Request CPF to Review a Proposed Change to Canon I.7

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

1997-D056 Set Procedures for Electing the Church Pension Fund Trustees

*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.*

# B030 Review of Nominations for Trustees of The Church Pension Fund

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the process for nomination of candidates to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund contained in Canon I.8, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and any other relevant Canons or rules, and propose amendments to address inconsistencies.

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## EXPLANATION

This Church relies on The Church Pension Fund (CPF) to provide pensions and other benefits to our clergy and lay employees, so the governance of CPF and the integrity of the process for nominating and electing its Trustees are of utmost consequence.

The significance of CPF to the Church explains why Canon I.8 requires that candidates for the CPF Board of Trustees must be nominated by a committee representing both Houses of General Convention (i.e., the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations). This canonical requirement has served the Church well for over 100 years.

The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations has been extremely successful in identifying, evaluating and proposing nominees for CPF Trustees who have the qualifications required to provide effective governance and make important decisions involving CPF and its affiliated companies – decisions that impact our clergy, lay employees and the Church as a whole.

Particularly in light of this success, the process for nominating CPF Trustees should not be changed without careful consideration by both Houses of General Convention, and compliance with the established rules of this Church for canonical changes.

However, the House of Deputies accepted nominations from the floor for CPF Trustees at the 78th General Convention, and its Rules of Order for this 79th General Convention again permit nominations from the floor before any election by the House of Deputies (regardless of canonical requirements). In fact, the President of the House of Deputies announced to Deputies in April that “advance notice of nominations from the floor” would be accepted at any time, even before General Convention convened, until July 6.

By accepting nominations from the floor for CPF Trustees, the House of Deputies has changed the nomination process, disregarding the requirements of Canon I.8 as well as the concerns expressed by

the House of Bishops at the 78th General Convention in Resolution 2015-X035.

This resolution does not seek to amend Canon I.8; it simply directs the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to address inconsistencies in the Canons and rules.[1] If, however, after careful consideration, the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons concludes that CPF Trustees should be nominated using a process that is different from that required by Canon I.8, it should recommend amendments to Canon I.8 and give the CPF Trustees ample opportunity to be heard on the proposed amendments, as required by that Canon. Both Houses of General Convention would then have an opportunity to consider whether the proposed amendments are appropriate.

[1] In particular, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies describe the procedures for nominations by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and notes that those procedures should not preclude nominations from the floor. (Section VII.20) However, there should be no question that the Joint Rules do not override canonical requirements so either the Joint Rules or the Canon should be amended to ensure consistency.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-D042  
**Title:** On the Topic of the Canon on Trustees of the CPF  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected  
**Text of Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.8.2 be amended to read as follows:

The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. *At a meeting following the General Convention, the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund may elect up to three (3) additional persons to serve until the next General Convention if the Trustees believe there are particular areas of expertise that need strengthening on the Board of Trustees.* ~~Effective January 1, 1989,~~ Any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve ~~or more~~ consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, *ad interim*, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-D119  
**Title:** On the Topic of the Canon on the Election of CPF Trustees  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected [Died with Adjournment]  
**Text of Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.8.2 be amended as follows:

Add this sentence to line six:

*This procedure does not preclude nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.*



**Resolution Number:** 1988-A173  
**Title:** On the Topic of the Joint Rule on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected  
**Text of Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Rules 18 and 19 of Section VII of the Joint Rules of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

VII. Joint Standing Committee on Nominations

~~18. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, which shall submit nominations for the election of:~~

*18. The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop as prescribed in Canon I.2.1 shall also serve as the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and shall submit nominations for the election of:*

- (a). Trustees of The Church Pension Fund, serving as the Joint Committee referred to in Canon I.8.2.
- (b). Members of the Executive Council under Canon I.4.1(c).
- (c). The Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention under Canon I.1.
- (d). Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, serving in lieu of the separate Committees on the General Theological Seminary of the two Houses.
- (e). General Board of Examining Chaplains.

~~19. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three Bishops, three Presbyter, and six Lay Persons:~~

*19. The members of the Joint Nominating Committee elected by the House of Deputies shall submit the nominations for the President and Vice President of the House of Deputies as set forth in Canon I.1.1(b).*



**Resolution Number:** 1982-D074  
**Title:** On the Topic of Open Nominations for CPF Trustees  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected [Died with Adjournment]  
**Text of Resolution:**

(D074) Not Currently Available

The Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7, on Resolution D-74 (Open nomination for trustees), recommending rejection of the resolution.

Debate followed.

A division was called for on the vote for D-74. The results of the division were:

Yea- 307      Nay-402

Motion lost

Resolution defeated

Deputy Crump, of Tennessee, moved that Resolution D-74 be re-referred to the Committee on the Church Pension Fund.

Deputy Bartlett, of Kentucky, moved to terminate debate.

Motion carried

Re-referred to the Committee on The Church Pension Fund

Resolution D-74 (Open nomination of trustees of the Church Pension Fund). The Committee recommended adoption of the resolution, as amended by the Committee. Deputy George Warner, of Pittsburgh, spoke for the Committee.

Motion lost

Re-referred to Canons

Resolution referred

Resolution died with adjournment.



**Resolution Number:** 1979-D065  
**Title:** Request CPF to Review a Proposed Change to Canon I.7  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That pursuant to Title I, Canon 7, Sec. 8, the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund are requested to review the following proposed amendment to the first sentence of Title I, Canon 7, Sec. 2:*

**Sec. 2.** The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of *the Joint Committee on Nominations, with the understanding that this procedure not preclude further nominations from the floor of either the House of Bishops or the House of Deputies*, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees, except that at the meeting held in the year 1970, the General Convention shall elect four persons to serve for a term of six years; and be it further

*Resolved, That the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund are requested to report their views on the foregoing proposed amendment to the 67th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in time to permit the same to become effective at the beginning of such Convention pursuant to Title I, Canon 1, Sec. 5, if approved by such Convention at such time.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-33.