

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-C028
TITLE: Amend Canon II.4
PROPOSER: Connecticut
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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

2015-A063	Amend Canon II.2 [Of Bible Translations] to Add Translation Criteria
2012-A062	Amend Canon II.3.5 [Of the Standard Book of Common Prayer]
2000-A070	Amend Canon II.2 [Of Translations of the Bible]
1997-D090	Authorize Study of Non-English Translations of Scriptures for Use in Worship

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 a new section 2 be added to Title II, Canon 4 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, to read as follows:
- 2 *Sec. 1* In any Congregation, worshipping in other than the English language, which shall have placed itself under the oversight of a Bishop of this Church, it shall be lawful to use a form of service in such language; provided that such form of service shall have previously been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, until such time as an authorized edition of the Book of Common Prayer in such language shall be set forth by the authority of the General Convention; and provided further, that no Bishop shall license any such form of service until first satisfied that the same is in accordance with the Doctrine and Worship of this Church; nor in any case shall such form of service be used for the ordination or consecration of Bishops, Priests, or Deacons.
- 3 *Sec. 2. Use of Other Anglican Books of Worship* *With the permission of the Bishop Diocesan, any book of prayer/worship authorized for use by a Church or Province of the Anglican Communion may be used in congregations or ministries within that diocese.*

EXPLANATION

The Anglican Communion contains a wealth of authorized worship resources which can enhance our common understanding of the rich and varied cultures, spiritualities and missional emphases of the Churches of the Anglican Communion. These Prayer books have undergone extensive evaluation and revision in their sponsor churches. They are ready for use in the Episcopal Church.