

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-D072  
**TITLE:** Amend Title II Canon IV  
**PROPOSER:** The Very Rev. Dr. Benjamin Shambaugh  
**TOPIC:** Canons

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

1991-A121 Amend Constitution Article X: [First Reading] and Authorize Liturgical Trial Use

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

None

*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.*

# D072 Amend Title II Canon IV

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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 Worship Materials from Ecumenical Partners. With the permission of the Bishop Diocesan, any worship materials authorized by an ecumenical partner in full communion with the Episcopal Church May be used in congregations and ministries within that diocese.*

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## EXPLANATION

Our ecumenical partners have produced wealth of authorized worship resources which can enhance our common understanding of the rich and varied cultures, spiritualities and missional emphases of the church. These Prayer books have undergone extensive evaluation and revision in their sponsoring churches. A good example is with the ELCA. We already have Episcopal clergy serving Lutheran churches, Lutheran clergy serving Episcopal churches, and combined Lutheran/Episcopal churches that share worship.



**Resolution Number:** 1991-A121  
**Title:** Amend Constitution Article I.7 [Time and Place of General Convention—Second Reading]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That this 70th General Convention direct the Standing Liturgical Commission to continue to study, develop and evaluate supplemental inclusive language texts as previously directed by the 68th and 69th General Conventions, in consultation with the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops, among other consultants, and in consultation with the bishops, clergy and laity of this Church through a process which solicits their reactions and suggestion to report back to the 71st General Convention; and be it further*

*Resolved, That for the sake of perfecting such draft texts as the Standing Liturgical Commission shall develop, using this consultative process, this Convention authorize Supplemental Liturgical Materials for use during the next triennium omitting Sections 4 and 34: such use shall always be under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority. Paragraph 34 to be referred back to the Standing Liturgical Commission in consultation with the House of Bishops Committee on Theology for evaluation, study and refinement, but not for use at this time; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the second paragraph of Article X of the Constitution be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph (c):*

*(c) Provide for limited use for other forms of worship on an experimental basis for such periods of time and upon such terms and conditions as the General Convention may provide.*

**And that this amendment be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese and be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Phoenix, 1991* (New York: General Convention, 1992), p. 405.