

## Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

### MEMBERSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Henry Hucles III, Long Island  
The Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulse, Northwest Texas  
The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Hultstrand, Springfield  
The Rt. Rev. George Hunt, Rhode Island  
The Rt. Rev. Charlie F. McNutt, Central Pennsylvania  
The Rt. Rev. James H. Ottley, Panama  
The Rt. Rev. Leigh Wallace, Jr., Spokane  
The Rt. Rev. James Warner, Nebraska  
The Rt. Rev. Don H. Wimberly, Lexington  
The Rev. Lawson M. Anderson, Arkansas  
The Rev. Sergio Carranza-Gomez, Central & South Mexico  
The Rev. Ann S. Coburn, *Vice Chair*, Connecticut  
The Rev. Victor Ra Wei, California  
The Rev. Canon Ronald L. Wiley, Nebraska  
The Ven. Arthur Williams, Ohio, resigned, replaced by  
    The Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Missouri, resigned, replaced by  
    Ms. Sally T. Head, Michigan  
Mr. Paul M. Chalk, Nevada  
Mr. Jose Ramiro Chavez, El Salvador  
Mr. Harry W. Havemeyer, *Chair*, New York  
Mr. Jack Hebdon, West Texas  
Mr. Lawrence M. Knapp, *Secretary*, Pittsburgh  
Capt. Janet L. Maguire, Virginia  
Mrs. Clay Moody, Northern Indiana  
Dr. Edwin L. Neville, Western New York  
Mr. George R. Rea, Mississippi  
Mr. John Rohde, Colorado  
Mr. Byron Rushing, Massachusetts  
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Jr., South Carolina, resigned, replaced by  
    Mrs. Anne B. Tomlinson, North Carolina  
The Reverend Canon Donald A. Nickerson, Jr., *Secretary*  
Mrs. Ellen F. Cooke, *Treasurer*

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The organization meeting of the full committee was held April 24-25, 1986, at the Mercer School of Theology, Garden City, New York. The meeting was convened and hosted by the Rt. Rev. Henry Hucles III.

The committee elected the following as its officers for the triennium:

Harry W. Havemeyer, *Chair*  
The Rev. Ann S. Coburn, *Vice Chair*  
Mr. Lawrence M. Knapp, *Secretary*

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The following were elected to chair the subcommittees of the committee:

Assessment Committee, Mr. John Rohde  
Audit Committee, Mr. George R. Rea  
Funding Committee, Mr. Paul M. Chalk  
Program Committee, The Rt. Rev. George Hunt  
Presentation Committee, Nancy (Mrs. Clay) Moody

There was an orientation for the committee and a description of its duties and functions.

Resolutions were adopted to cover the cost of the two additional days of the 1988 General Convention in Detroit, and to adjust the assessment budget for the reduction in the registration fee for visitors to the General Convention who would be present for less than two days. The committee also adopted a policy statement, as follows:

*Resolved*, that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance adopts and reconfirms the policy statements of the Committee with regard to the following subjects: Lapsed Balances and Overdrafts, the Challenge Process, Authorized Travel and Entertainment Expenses, Expense Reimbursement of Members of Interim Bodies, Expense Reimbursement for Spouses and Children, Purchase Orders, Outside Funding Policy, and Sale of Archival Material.

The subcommittees met separately and organized their plans for the triennium. A schedule for meetings was also established so that the committee would be prepared to fulfill its functions for the 1988 General Convention. The committee authorized the Executive Committee to represent it and make decisions on its behalf during the triennium.

### ASSESSMENT SECTION

The Assessment Subcommittee met in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 25-26, 1987, to conduct the challenge process with the interim bodies of General Convention and to determine the detail of the assessment budget for 1987 and 1988. All but one interim body was present for the process. Budget requests exceeded anticipated income from dioceses by approximately \$193,000 for the two years, with \$93,000 of the total needing to be eliminated from interim body askings through the challenge process. The problem was identified as late resolutions passed by the 1985 General Convention mandating work by interim bodies without consideration for the funding of the requested projects.

The challenge process with interim body representatives resulted in a budget reduction of \$62,537. The Assessment Section then made other adjustments in all the budget askings for the assessment budget and increased the percentage of NDBI (net disposable budget income) askings of the dioceses to result in a balanced budget for 1987-88.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met three times in the triennium. The first was in conjunction with the Assessment Section meeting in St. Louis in February 1987. The committee received a report on the new directions being set for the Church by Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning from Bishop Browning's senior executive officer, Dr. George McGonigle. The committee also met the new Treasurer of the Church, Mrs. Ellen Cooke, and the new Executive Officer of General Convention, the Rev. Canon Donald Nickerson.

Mrs. Cooke discussed the General Convention resolution calling for a unified budget and potential canonical problems with this. The committee accepted her recom-

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mentation to refer the questions to the Chancellor of the Presiding Bishop for review and guidance.

The committee reviewed the schedule for Program, Budget, and Finance leading to General Convention, confirmed the work of the Assessment Section challenge process and set the percentage of NDBI to fund the assessment budget for 1987 and 1988.

A second meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City on May 27, 1987. It received and reviewed a revised format for the assessment budget which was designed by Mrs. Ellen Cooke, Treasurer. It approved the retention of \$105,860 contingency reserve by the Treasurer for possible increased costs for the General Convention in Detroit.

The committee received an opinion from the Presiding Bishop's Chancellor, Judge Hugh Jones, that the General Convention resolution mandating a unified budget for the Church is in conflict with the present canons. Under canon law, the assessment budget for the Presiding Bishop's office, the Executive Officer and expenses of General Convention, and the expenses of the General Convention interim bodies is to be funded through an assessment on the dioceses. The program development budget is funded through the quota askings to the dioceses. It is the position of the Committee on Program, Budget and Finance that a unified budget cannot be presented to the 1988 General Convention as anticipated by Resolution A147 of the 1985 General Convention.

The committee received a report from the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development on its study of voluntary percentage giving by dioceses to fund the budget of the Church as requested by Resolution A148 of the 1985 General Convention.

The matter of monitoring resolutions which require funding was discussed. It was decided that the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee will work more closely with the administrative secretary of General Convention and Dispatch of Business to insure that all "funding" resolutions are cleared through Program, Budget and Finance prior to debate and passage by the General Convention.

The committee planned for its October meeting and the meeting of the full Program, Budget, and Finance Committee in December 1987, to receive the new format for the 1989—1991 program development budget from Executive Council implementing the Presiding Bishop's mission imperatives.

The final meeting of the Executive Committee prior to General Convention was held at the Church Center in New York City on October 13, 1987. Presentations were made by Mr. Barry Menezes and Mrs. Ellen Cooke on the vision statement of the Presiding Bishop which he delivered to the House of Bishops, the mission imperatives for the future ministry of the Church, and the changes in operations of the church staff structure as these imperatives are introduced. The Executive Council has been in the process of implementing the mission imperatives for the 1988 budget and proposed program development budgets for the 1989-91 triennium.

The committee dealt with the need to understand the changes in budget format for the future and how it will need to communicate this to the deputies of the General Convention.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the committee met with the Treasurer in December to receive and recommend the 1988 Program Development Budget voted by the Executive Council.

As decided earlier, the full Program, Budget and Finance Committee meeting prior to the Convention was moved from March 1988, to December 1987, to receive the proposed budget from Executive Council so that sufficient time is available for this important preparation. (In the end, the Executive Council was not prepared to present the

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detailed budget in December and the meeting reverted to the original March 1988 dates.)

The balance of the meeting was spent on routine committee business and on planning for the full committee meeting.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The committee met on June 16, 1986, and June 15, 1987, at the times of the Executive Council meetings in Atlanta, Georgia, and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively. It received the reports of the auditors of the budgets and finances of the Church. It also heard reports of the Treasurer and the internal auditor of the Church Center.

### PRESENTATION COMMITTEE

The committee met through the triennium in conjunction with meetings of the Executive Committee and Assessment Section to plan for the presentation of the budgets to General Convention in 1988. It worked to have its planning developed as fully as possible prior to arrival in Detroit and to respond to suggestions of deputies for the presentation format.

#### Resolution #A152

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, **That \$128,370 be allocated from the Assessment Budget of the General Convention for the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance for the 1989-1991 Triennium.**

### EXPENDITURE FOR 1986-1988 TRIENNIUM

<i>Actual 1986</i>	<i>Actual 1987</i>	<i>Proposed 1988</i>
\$14,176	\$20,954	\$46,675