

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements

Joint Rule of Order VI (17) of the Houses of the General Convention gives sole responsibility between Conventions for matters pertaining to planning and arrangements for the Convention to the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements.

MEMBERSHIP

- * The Executive Officer of General Convention
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson, Jr.
- * Vice-President of the House of Bishops
The Rt. Rev. James H. Ottley
- * Vice-President of the House of Deputies
Mrs. Pamela P. Chinnis
- * Secretary of the House of Bishops
The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr.
Secretary of the House of Deputies
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson, Jr.
Chair, Dispatch of Business, the House of Bishops
The Rt. Rev. Frank H. Vest, Jr.
Chair, Dispatch of Business, the House of Deputies
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Mrs. Ellen F. Cooke
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Ms. Marjorie A. Burke
- * Vice-President for Program of the Board of the Episcopal Church Women
Ms. Doris F. Attridge
- * General Convention Manager
Ms. Lori Arnold
One Presbyterian or Deacon
The Rev. Warner R. Traynham
One Lay Person
Charles M. Crump, Esq.
Bishop of the Diocese in which the Convention meets
The Rt. Rev. Joseph Heistand
General Convention Chair of Local Committee
The Rev. Ralph E. Hutton
- * The Presiding Bishop
The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning
- * President of the House of Deputies
The Very Rev. David B. Collins
Staff Person
Ms. Cheryl J. Dawkins
- * Executive Committee

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

The task of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements is to arrange for the meeting of the General Convention and to propose an agenda for the Convention. It is then up to the Convention to accept or reject the agenda, with or without amendments. The committee also investigates future sites for the meeting of the Convention and reports its recommendations to the General Convention.

On February 1 and 2, 1989, the full committee met in Phoenix, Arizona. The Very Rev. David B. Collins, President of the House of Deputies, was elected chair, and the Rev. Donald Nickerson, Secretary of the General Convention, was elected secretary.

The planning and arrangements of the 69th General Convention, which met in Detroit, Michigan, in 1988 were reviewed. For the record, the following registration figures are reported. Bishops—188; Deputies and Alternates—1,135; Episcopal Church Women—475; Paid Visitors—1,500; Complimentary One-Day Passes—1,814; Volunteers—1,200. Including press, staff and youth, 6,552 people were registered. It was noted that having the Convention include a second week-end, while it provided some catch-up time for beleaguered staff, created problems especially in the House of Deputies, which lost nearly 100 members over the second weekend.

The Convention facilities in Phoenix were visited, and plans discussed for housing the various bodies.

The committee also passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Hyatt Regency and Sheraton Adams Hotels be reserved for Bishops, Deputies, First Alternates, Triennial Delegates, Distinguished Visitors, and essential General Convention Working Staff (together with spouses) only.

The committee elected the following Executive Committee of Planning and Arrangements:

- The Presiding Bishop
- The President of the House of Deputies
- The Executive Officer of the General Convention
- The Vice-President of the House of Bishops
- The Vice-President of the House of Deputies
- The Secretary of the House of Bishops
- The Treasurer of the General Convention
- The General Convention Manager
- The Vice-President for Program of the Episcopal Church Women.

In addition, if the agenda of the Executive Committee were to include any items involving the host diocese, the representative of that diocese would be welcome to attend the discussion of that item during the meeting.

FUTURE SITES OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Ms. Lori Arnold, General Convention Coordinator, and her staff gave the committee detailed information on the sites for the 1994 Convention that had been approved by the 1988 Convention (Resolution #A194).

These sites were: Atlanta, Indianapolis, Orlando, and St. Louis.

This information was sent to every member of the Planning and Arrangements Committee and was reviewed at a meeting of its Executive Committee on April 17, 1990. At that meeting, after thorough discussion it was voted that the Executive Committee, plus

the two House of Deputy committee members, visit Indianapolis and Orlando on October 1-3, 1990. This decision was communicated to the full committee.

After visiting both sites, the expanded Executive Committee unanimously recommended to the full committee that Indianapolis be chosen as the site for the 1994 General Convention. This decision was confirmed in January of 1991 after reports were received from Project Equality on Indianapolis. The full committee then unanimously gave its approval to the choice of Indianapolis. In compliance with Canon I.1.14(c), the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of both Houses gave their approval. It is also necessary for a majority of the Executive Council members and the Presidents of the Provinces to approve the 1994 site, and these approvals have been given.

All requirements of the canon having been fulfilled, the committee submits the following resolution:

Resolution #A166

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, **That Indianapolis, Indiana, be selected as the site for the 1994 General Convention.**

Later, the site committee also approved a recommendation concerning the sites for 1997, to be submitted to the 1991 General Convention. These decisions were confirmed at a later meeting of the Executive Committee immediately preceding the last meeting of the triennium, and then by the full committee.

It was decided that the Vice-Presidents of both Houses should report for the committee in their respective Houses and arrange for a hearing before bringing the appropriate resolutions to the Convention floor.

In accordance with Canon I.1.14(a), the committee proposes five possible sites for the 1997 General Convention and certifies to the Convention the willingness of the dioceses in which the prospective sites are located to have those cities considered. The sites proposed are (in alphabetical order): Anaheim, Denver, New Orleans, Orlando, and Philadelphia. The following resolution is submitted:

Resolution #A167

1 *Resolved*, The House of _____ concurring, **That the following sites be con-**
2 **sidered for the 1997 General Convention, and that no less than three, nor more than**
3 **five, be selected for final consideration.**

- 4 **The five sites are: Anaheim**
5 **Denver**
6 **New Orleans**
7 **Orlando**
8 **Philadelphia**

SITE OF THE 1991 GENERAL CONVENTION

The final choice of Phoenix for the 1991 General Convention was not lightly made. In January of 1988 there was anguished discussion by the committee, wrestling with the fact that the Governor of Arizona had cancelled a state Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, and the effect of this on the Episcopal Church's choice of Phoenix as the site of the 1991 Convention.

These discussions and the consequent decisions were communicated to the Deputies of the 1988 Convention in an addendum to the Blue Book Report (printed as an appendix to this report on p. 439).

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The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Houses at that time (Bishop Edmond Browning, Bishop John Walker, Dean David Collins, and Mrs. Pamela Chinnis) unanimously approved Phoenix as the 1991 site. With the committee, they saw this, as Fr. (now Bishop) Herbert Thompson phrased it, "as a vote in support of Bishop Heistand and the people of the Diocese of Arizona, who have been a significant part of [the] struggle."

In November of 1990 efforts to establish a paid statewide holiday honoring Martin Luther King failed by a small percentage of the vote. After due deliberation and much consultation, the Presiding Bishop called a special meeting of the Executive Council near the Newark Airport on January 5, 1991. The President of the House of Deputies called for a meeting of a number of members of his Council of Advice on the afternoon preceding, and a special meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements was called for the evening of January 4.

The Joint Standing Committee, although sympathetic to expressed desires for a simpler Convention, did not accept a proposal that the Convention be shortened, but dealt favorably with suggestions for a simpler lifestyle, seeing an opportunity for the Convention to deal with the institutional racism still present in the Church, as well as related issues. The decisions made then, augmented by suggestions from an ad hoc committee of the Executive Council, were affirmed by the later meeting of the committee in Phoenix.

The committee met in Phoenix January 21-22, 1991. They interrupted their meeting at one point to take part in a parade numbering 15,000 to 20,000 to celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday, which ended at the State Capitol with remarks by the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Ohio (Bishop Thompson), and the Bishop of Arizona. The first items of business were the suggestions from the ad hoc committee of the Executive Council for a simpler and more focused Convention.

These included Bible sharing and discussion in the context of the Holy Eucharist on seven days of the Convention, a common noontime meal in the same area of the Convention Hall for the Convention and the Triennial, a smaller exhibit area with money saved to go to a special Martin Luther King, Jr., Legacy Fund, a racism audit in both Houses and the Triennial early in Convention, and a special Saturday afternoon Eucharist in which the Native American Community, and especially Navajoland, will make a presentation.

In addition, the committee reviewed arrangements for the Convention in the following areas:

- The daily schedule and agenda
- The allocation of meeting space
- Designated days (which appear in the daily agenda)
- Housing and registration
- Project Equality reports
- Providing opportunities for recycling and being environmentally responsible
- The recommendation of sites for 1994 and 1997

The results of committee decisions will be found in the proposed Daily Agenda of the 70th General Convention.

DAILY AGENDA OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Resolution #A168

- 1 *Resolved*, The House of _____ concurring, **That the 1991 General Convention function through the following activities:**

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- 2 **1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;**
- 3 **2. The several joint sessions;**
- 4 **3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and**
- 5 **4. Open hearings to be conducted as needed by all legislative committees:**
- 6 and be it further

7 *Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 70th General Convention*
8 **held in Phoenix, Arizona, 1991, be:**

9 **Monday, July 8, 1991**

10 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Orientation for House of Deputies
11 Committee on Dispatch of Business

12 **Tuesday, July 9, 1991**

13 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Orientation for Chairs of Most Active
14 Committees
15 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Meetings of Most Active Committees

16 **Wednesday, July 10, 1991**

17 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Meetings of Most Active Committees
18 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Orientation for Committee Chairs
19 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Deputy Orientation
20 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
21 8:00 p.m. Opening Eucharist

22 **Thursday, July 11, 1991 - 1st Legislative Day**

23 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
24 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
25 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Daily Worship
26 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Legislative Session
27 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Racism Audit
28 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Lunch
29 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
30 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Joint Session
31 3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
32 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Open Hearings

33 **Friday, July 12, 1991 - 2nd Legislative Day**

34 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
35 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
36 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Daily Worship
37 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Legislative Session
38 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Lunch
39 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
40 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Joint Session - Reports of Presiding Bishop
41 and of Executive Council
42 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Legislative Session
43 5:30 p.m. *End of time for filing resolutions*
44 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Province Caucuses
45 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Open Hearings

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46 Saturday, July 13, 1991 - 3rd Legislative Day

47	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Deputy Certification
48	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
49	10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
50	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
51	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
52	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Convention Eucharist and Native American Presentation
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56	4:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session

57 Sunday, July 14, 1991 - 4th Legislative Day

58	Morning	Convention Worships with the Host Diocese
59	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
60	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
61	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Open Hearings

62 Monday, July 15, 1991 - 5th Legislative Day

63	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Deputy Certification
64	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
65	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Daily Worship
66	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
67	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
68	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
69	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
70	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Open Hearings

71 Tuesday, July 16, 1991 - 6th Legislative Day

72	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Deputy Certification
73	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
74	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Daily Worship
75	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
76	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
77	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
78	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
79	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Open Hearings

80 Wednesday, July 17, 1991 - 7th Legislative Day

81	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Deputy Certification
82	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
83	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Daily Worship
84	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
85	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
86	1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
87	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Joint Session - PB&F Report
88	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
89	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Arizona Night

90 Thursday, July 18, 1991 - 8th Legislative Day (Fast Day)

91	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Deputy Certification
92	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings and Open Hearing on PB&F Report
93		
94	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Daily Worship
95	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session

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96 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Lunch
97 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
98 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
99 6:00 p.m. *End of time allowed for filing committee reports (except on messages or PB&F)*
100
101 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving and Reconciliation and Ingathering of United Thank Offering
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103 Friday, July 19, 1991 - 9th Legislative Day

104 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
105 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
106 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Daily Worship
107 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Legislative Session
108 12:45 p.m. *End of time for consideration of report of PB&F*
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110 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Lunch
111 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
112 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session

113 Saturday, July 20, 1991 - 10th Legislative Day

114 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
115 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Legislative Session
116 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Community Lunch
117 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
118 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
119 6:00 p.m. Adjournment *sine die*

Resolution #A169

Resolved, The House of _____ concurring, **That neither House modify the foregoing schedule without due notice to the other.**

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

	1992	1993	1994
Committee	\$16,380		\$16,380
Subcommittees		\$14,670	

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Resolution #A170

Resolved, The House of _____ concurring, **That there be appropriated from the Assessment Budget of the General Convention the sum of \$47,430 for the expenses of the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements.**

