

**The Joint Standing Committee on  
Planning and Arrangements  
(1994-1997)**

MEMBERSHIP

The Rev. Canon Donald A. Nickerson, Jr. *Executive Officer of General Convention, Secretary of the House of Deputies* \*

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr. *Vice President of the House of Bishops* \*

The Very Rev. George Werner *Vice President of the House of Deputies* \*

The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr. *Secretary of the House of Bishops* \*

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Mr. Stephen Duggan *Treasurer of the General Convention* \* replaced

Mr. Donald Burchell who replaced Mrs. Nicholas T. Cooke, III

Mrs. Gini Peterson *President of the National Board of the Episcopal Church Women*

Mrs. Karen Street *Vice President for Program of the National Board of the Episcopal Church Women* \*

Mrs. Lori Ionntiu *General Convention Manager* \*

The Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau *One Presbyter or Deacon*

The Hon. Byron Rushing *One Lay Person* \*

The Rt. Rev. Allen L. Bartlett *Bishop of the Diocese in which the Convention meets*

Ms. Barbara Ogilby *General Convention Chair of Local Committee*

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning *The Presiding Bishop* \*

Dr. Pamela P. Chinnis, *Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements; President of the House of Deputies* \*

Ms. Cheryl J. Dawkins, *Secretary, Staff*

\* member of the Executive Committee

Joint Rule of Order VI (18) 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.

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 next General Convention and to propose an agenda which the Convention may accept or reject, with or without amendments. The committee also investigates sites for future meetings of the General Convention and makes recommendations to the General Convention.

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In January 1995, the full committee held its first meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, site for the 1997 Convention. Dr. Pamela P. Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies, was elected chair, and Ms. Cheryl J. Dawkins of the General Convention Office was elected secretary.

Arrangements for the 71st General Convention, which had been held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1994, were reviewed in detail and evaluated. The Indianapolis Convention Center and its proximity to hotels received very high marks, along with the hospitality of the host dioceses of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana. Once again there was general appreciation of the use of Bible-sharing table-groups of bishops, deputies/alternates, Triennial delegates, and visitors as part of the daily Eucharist. This practice was introduced at the 70<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Phoenix, and the majority of participants continue to find it provides a valuable spiritual focus and opportunity for building community. Efforts to streamline the legislative process paid off in a 40% reduction in resolutions submitted for consideration (359 in 1994 compared with 599 in 1991). Three evening forums, featuring Henri Nouwen, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Marian Wright Edelman, provided rich inspiration for convention-goers, and a joint session including delegates to the Triennial Meeting included a first-ever nationally-broadcast teleconference from the General Convention sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women. The regular worship, comfortable and convenient facilities, and a deliberate focus on conducting the legislative business in a timely and good-natured manner resulted in a convention remembered, by and large, for its efficiency, charity, and gracious discipline.

For the record, the following comparative registrations are reported:

	1988	1991	1994
<b>Bishops</b>	188	202	204
<b>Deputies/Alternates</b>	1,135	1,111	1,126
<b>Episcopal Church Women</b>	475	484	471
<b>Paid Visitors</b>	1,500	1,776	2,788
<b>Complimentary One-Day Passes</b>	1,814	*1,347	399
<b>Volunteers</b>	1,200	1,250	**1,000

\* 1991 one-day figure includes 257 who registered more than once; 1994 includes only those who came in for evening forums, since the Complimentary One-Day passes had been discontinued.

\*\* Volunteer figures are always approximate, but the 1994 number is only an estimate as no local figures were available.

In Indianapolis the House of Deputies, its secretariat, and the central General Convention Secretariat were adjacent to each other on the main floor, along with the exhibits and registration area, and worship hall. The House of Bishops and its secretariat were together, on another floor, in contrast to the arrangement in Phoenix in which everything was on one level with the secretariats adjoining each other. The separation of the secretariats in Indianapolis caused some inconvenience. This was partially offset by volunteers, especially by the diligent work of Legislative Aides, first used in 1994 to provide support for the chairs of Legislative Committees.

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Restraint in legislation had a beneficial side-effect in reducing the pressure on the print-shop. Just over two million copies were made in Phoenix in 1991, but in 1994 the total had dropped by 260,000 – a considerable savings in paper, printer toner, and electricity, not to mention wear and tear on volunteers to make and transport them all, and bishops and deputies who didn't have to "click" their notebooks as often.

During its first meeting the Committee toured the Pennsylvania Convention Center facilities prior to reviewing plans for assigning space for 1997 Convention activities; assigned task groups to bring recommendations about several matters; and began work on the daily schedule within a framework beginning Wednesday, July 16 through Friday July 25, 1997. The latter was continued at subsequent meetings, and the results appear in the Daily Agenda proposed in resolution below.

The second meeting was held February 12-13, 1996, immediately following the Executive Council's meeting in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. The Committee heard progress reports on plans for worship, orientation, legislative processing, video and technology, evening forums, volunteers, Pennsylvania Night, and the Triennial Meeting, and worked further on the daily schedule. The final meeting was held January 16, 1997, in the Convention Center in Philadelphia. Final adjustments were made to the Daily Agenda, and reports on other plans were approved.

### **Potential Sites for Future General Conventions**

The 1994 General Convention authorized consideration of Anaheim, Cincinnati, Denver, Minneapolis and St. Louis as sites for the Convention in the year 2000. At the February 1996 meeting, the Committee heard the results of preliminary visits by the General Convention Manager and Executive Officer. Several people expressed concerns about both Cincinnati and Denver because of local ordinances restricting the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. After a lengthy discussion acknowledging the presence of sin in all places, the Committee reached general agreement that the key issue was the position of the local diocese on issues of deep concern to the whole church rather than the position of the surrounding society, and that there could be situations in which the General Convention should offer its powerful support to local Episcopalians in their witness against injustice in their locality. Denver had been visited during the previous triennium, when presentations from the diocese and from city and state officials provided valuable information about the ambiguous situation and on-going legal battle in the state following an earlier ballot initiative. With that in mind, the Committee authorized official site visits by the Executive Committee to Anaheim and Denver, the two with the best convention facilities and hotel accommodations at a reasonable price. While Executive Committee members were in Denver in 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Colorado's anti-gay rights statute.

After extensive discussion and telephone conferences, the majority of the Executive Committee voted by mail ballot to recommend Denver as site for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Convention in the year 2000. This vote was affirmed by telephone poll of the full Committee. Subsequently this recommendation was also endorsed by the Presidents of the Provinces, and by the Executive Council at its November 1996 meeting.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1995-97 TRIENNium

	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	\$8,706	\$20,991	\$15,000*
* budgeted			

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>
Committee	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Sub-Committee - Site Visits		10,000	
<i>Total</i>	----- \$15,000	----- \$25,000	----- \$15,000

RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution A109 Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements Budget Appropriation**

1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That there shall be appropriated from the Budget of  
2 the General Convention the sum of \$55,000 for the expenses of the Joint Standing Committee on  
3 Planning and Arrangements.

**Resolution A110 Daily Agenda of the 1997 General Convention**

1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 1997 General Convention function through  
2 the following activities:  
3 1. formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;  
4 2. the several joint sessions;  
5 3. meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and  
6 4. open hearings to be conducted as needed by all legislative committees; and be it further  
7 *Resolved*, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Convention held in  
8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1997, be:

9 **Sunday, July 13, 1997**

10 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Volunteer Welcome and Introduction  
11 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Deputy Certification  
12 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Orientation for House of Deputies' Dispatch of Business

13 **Monday, July 14, 1997**

14 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orientation & Training for Legislative Committee Officers  
15 and Aides  
16 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification  
17 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Meetings  
18 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Meetings

19 **Tuesday, July 15, 1997**

20 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Meetings

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21	9:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Deputy Certification
22	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Introduction to the 1997 Convention for all Bishops and Deputies
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24	3:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Deputy Certification
25	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Orientation for all Hispanic Deputies and Bishops
26	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings
27	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CONVENTION FORUM or Legislative Committee Meetings
28		
29	<b>Wednesday, July 16, 1995 - 1st Legislative Day</b>	
30	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
31	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
32	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opening Eucharist
33	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
34	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
35	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
36	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
37	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
38	<b>Thursday, July 17, 1997 - 2nd Legislative Day</b>	
39	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
40	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
41	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing and Eucharist
42	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
43	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
44	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
45	2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
46	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Joint Meeting, House of Deputies, House of Bishops and Episcopal Church Women: Advocacy for Children Telecast
47		
48	6:00 p.m.	<i>End of time for filing resolutions</i>
49	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CONVENTION FORUM
50	<b>Friday, July 18, 1997 - 3rd Legislative Day - FAST DAY</b>	
51	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
52	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
53	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing and Eucharist
54	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Joint Session: Reports of Presiding Bishop and Executive Council
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56	12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
57	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
58	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
59	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	PB&F and Legislative Committee Open Hearings
60	<b>Saturday, July 19, 1997 - 4th Legislative Day</b>	
61	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
62	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
63	9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
64	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
65	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
66	2:00 p.m.	Convention Eucharist and United Thank Offering

67		Ingathering
68		<i>Suggested evening for Seminary Dinners</i>
69	<b>Sunday, July 20, 1997 - 5th Legislative Day</b>	
70	1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Deputy Certification
71	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Joint Session to nominate Presiding Bishop
72	3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
73	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CELEBRATE BISHOP BROWNING'S MINISTRY
74	<b>Monday, July 21, 1997 - 6th Legislative Day</b>	
75	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
76	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
77	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing and Eucharist
78	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session:
79		Bishops ballot for Presiding Bishop; Deputies respond
80	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
81	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
82	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
83	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CONVENTION FORUM
84	<b>Tuesday, July 22, 1997 - 7th Legislative Day</b>	
85	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
86	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
87	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing and Eucharist
88	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
89	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
90	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
91	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
92	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Provincial Caucuses to nominate for PB Nominating Committee
93		
94		<i>Suggested evening for Province Dinners</i>
95	<b>Wednesday, July 23, 1997 - 8th Legislative Day</b>	
96	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
97	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings and Hearings
98	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing and Eucharist
99	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
100	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
101	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
102	2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Joint Session: Program, Budget & Finance
103	3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Legislative Session
104		<i>End of time for filing committee reports (except on messages or PB&amp;F)</i>
105		
106	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Pennsylvania Night on the Parkway with Philly Box Supper
107		
108	<b>Thursday, July 24, 1997 - 9th Legislative Day</b>	
109	7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
110	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Committee Meetings & Open Hearings for Program, Budget & Finance
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112	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Final Eucharist

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113	10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Legislative Session
114		<i>End of time for consideration of report of Program, Budget &amp;</i>
115		<i>Finance</i>
116	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
117	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
118	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
119	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<i>Reserve for Possible Legislative Session</i>
120	<b>Friday, July 25, 1997 - 10th Legislative Day</b>	
121	7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Deputy Certification
122	9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Morning Prayer in each House & Legislative Session
123	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Deputy Certification
124	12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
125	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Legislative Session
		<i>Adjournment sine die</i>

### **Resolution A111 Daily Agenda Modification**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That neither House modify the foregoing schedule
- 2 without due notice to the other.

All requirements of Canon I.1.14(c) having thus been fulfilled, the committee submits the following resolution:

### **Resolution A112 Select Denver as Site of General Convention in the Year 2000**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Denver, Colorado be selected as the site for
- 2 the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Convention in the millennial year 2000.

#### *Explanation*

As Canon I.1.14(c) requires, the committee has proceeded to “make all reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments for that meeting of General Convention, subject to final approval of this General Convention.”

The Convention Manager reported having received invitations from a number of cities interested in hosting the convention in the year 2003, and briefly reported on facilities in each. In accordance with Canon I.1.14(a), the committee proposes four possible sites for the Convention in the year 2003, and certifies to the Convention the general willingness of the dioceses of the prospective sites to have those cities considered.

### **Resolution A113 Site of the 2003 General Convention**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the following four sites be considered for the
- 2 2003 General Convention, and that no less than three be selected for final consideration. The four
- 3 sites are:
- 4 - Charlotte, North Carolina
- 5 - Kansas City, Missouri
- 6 - Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 7 - Salt Lake City, Utah