

Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements

Membership

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Summary of Work

The mandate 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.

The full committee held its first meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana from January 18–19, 2010. At the meeting the 76th General Convention was reviewed and suggestions were made for improving the 77th General Convention. A draft schedule for the 77th General Convention was discussed. Resolutions referred from the 76th General Convention to the committee were discussed, as well as criteria for identifying possible sites for future conventions. The second meeting of the committee was convened via conference call on June 16, 2010. At this meeting, the committee endorsed the draft schedule, decided to refer Resolution 2009-A113 back to the Standing Commission on Small Congregations, and discussed the timeline for the next year.

The third meeting of the committee was convened via conference call on November 15, 2010. The report of the three cities under consideration for the convention in 2015, prepared by Lori Ionnitiu, was discussed and a vote was taken to choose the two finalist cities. It was determined that Atlanta, Georgia and Salt Lake City, Utah would be further considered and visited by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee traveled to Salt Lake City and Atlanta from January 18–20, 2011, and met with representatives of the Dioceses of Utah and Atlanta and with each city's convention bureau. A conference call of the committee was convened on February 9, 2011, at which time the Executive Committee gave its recommendation to select Salt Lake City, Utah as the site of the 78th General Convention. This decision was ratified by the committee and forwarded to and approved by the Presidents of the Houses of General Convention, the Vice-President of the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, and the Presidents of the Provinces of The Episcopal Church.

A face-to-face meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 9, 2011. The host diocese gave an update on plans for worship, volunteers, and the diocesan event. The committee heard a report from the Standing Commission on Small Congregations in response to GC 2009-A113, and several committee members were asked to investigate the suggestions of the Standing Commission and report back to the committee. The committee also received a report from the subcommittee exploring Resolution 2009-D074. Further exploration of the viability of using colleges or universities for future General Conventions is required. Some revisions to the draft schedule for the 77th General Convention were made.

The final meeting of the triennium was a conference call on January 23, 2012, to finalize recommendations to the 77th General Convention. Final sites to be recommended for 2018 were selected. The General Convention Manager gave an update on budget, volunteers, exhibits, housing, media, and public safety; and the host diocese reported on final details of the diocesan event.

Budget Report

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements will hold two face-to-face meetings, and the Executive Committee will hold one face-to-face meeting during the next triennium. This will require \$10,000 for 2013, \$15,000 for 2014 and \$0 for 2015, for a total of \$25,000 for the triennium.

Proposed Resolutions

Resolution A003 Sites for the 79th General Convention

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention direct its Joint Standing Committee on Planning & Arrangements to consider the following sites for the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (2018): Atlanta in the Diocese of Atlanta; Austin in the Diocese of Texas; Charlotte in the Diocese of North Carolina; Kansas City in the Diocese of West Missouri; and Knoxville in the Diocese of East Tennessee.

Explanation

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements chose to propose sites in Province IV, which last hosted a General Convention in 1982, and Province VII, which last hosted a General Convention in 1970.

Resolution A004 General Convention Daily Agenda

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention function through the following activities:

1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
 2. A joint session for the presentation of the Proposed Budget;
 3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
 4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees;
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Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 77th General Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2012 be:

Monday, July 2

11:00 am – 4:00 pm Volunteer Supervisors and Secretariat Gathering

Tuesday, July 3

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration and Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides
Orientation

Wednesday, July 4

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Legislative Committees
7:00 am – 5:00 pm Deputy Certification
12:30 – 1:30 pm PB&F Hearing: Budget Priorities
2:00 – 2:45 pm Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
3:00 – 4:30 pm Orientation
5:00 – 7:00 pm Legislative Committees

Thursday, July 5

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:00 – 9:00 am Legislative Session
9:30 – 10:45 am Opening Eucharist
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Legislative Committees
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:00 – 4:00 pm Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm Legislative Hearings

Friday, July 6

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Legislative Committees
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:00 – 4:00 pm Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
5:00 pm Resolution Filing Deadline
7:30 – 9:00 pm PB&F and Other Hearings

Saturday, July 7

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Legislative Committees
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm PB&F and Other Hearings

Sunday, July 8

9:30 – 11:30 am UTO Ingathering and Eucharist
12:00 – 2:00 pm Diocese of Indianapolis Event

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1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
5:30 – 6:30 pm Provincial Caucuses
7:00 – 9:00 pm Suggested time for Provincial Gatherings

Monday, July 9

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
6:30 – 8:00 pm Bishop Gathering; Suggested Time for ECW Event

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 3:15 pm Joint Session PB&F Budget
3:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
7:00 – 10:00 pm Suggested time for Seminary Gatherings

Wednesday, July 11

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 9:00 am Legislative Committees
9:30 – 10:45 am Community Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
8:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Thursday, July 12

7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:00 – 11:00 am Legislative Session
11:30 am – 12:45 pm Closing Eucharist
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
6:30 pm Joint Adjournment – *Sine Die*