

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
June 5, 2019 4:00 p.m. EDT

Attending:

Members – Devon Anderson, Michael Barlowe, Kurt Barnes, Diane Jardine Bruce, Michael Curry, Wendell Gibbs, Gay Jennings, Bryan Krislock, Ryan Kusumoto, Karen Patterson, Bryon Rushing, Scott Slater, Eugene Sutton, Patricia Wellnitz

Staff – Marian Conboy, Patrick Haizel, Sally Johnson, Stephanie Spellers, Mark Stevenson

Excused: Mary Gray-Reeves

Michael Barlowe asked Bishop Curry to offer an opening prayer. He reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions. The agenda was accepted as proposed.

GC 2024

Canon Barlowe began with an update on site selection for GC 2024. General Convention approved five cities for consideration: Anaheim in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Detroit in the Diocese of Michigan, St. Louis in the Diocese of Missouri, Louisville in the Diocese of Kentucky and San Juan in the Diocese of Puerto Rico. Canon Barlowe and Patrick Haizel visited the first four and met with city and convention officials in each of those cities. Patrick Haizel will visit San Juan in July. The cities will come back to us with their proposals, which GCO staff will analyze, and Planning and Arrangements should receive a report by the end of September. We will schedule a meeting of the committee in late September or early October to discuss and identify 2-3 finalist cities. Canon Barlowe reported that the clauses we have required to be included in our contracts, like fair labor practices and training staff to identify potential human trafficking, are now becoming an industry standard. He thanked Patrick Haizel for his outstanding and creative work.

Reports from subcommittees

1. **Children's Program** – Patrick Haizel reported

The goal is to make the children's program more accessible to single parents and families with younger children. Caren Miles will be hired to run the program again, and they are looking for a care for creation/water theme. They are hoping to keep the fees the same as 2018 - \$50/day. Public Affairs is going to put out a press release.

2. **Scheduling and Design** – Gay Jennings reported

A draft schedule and explanation memo had been distributed earlier. The schedule allows for 26 1/2 hours of time for legislative committees and 41 hours for legislative sessions. It also provides a significant block on time on 6/28, 6/30 and 7/1 for committee meetings and hearings. Each day there is a two hour block for worship and community time. Joint sessions and mission conversation would happen during community time. These larger, regular blocks of time provide a balance of legislation, inspiration and formation. There is a two hour lunch break each day and evenings are free. President Jennings credited Bryan Krislock as the architect of the schedule, and moved the proposed draft. The schedule was adopted. (See Attachment A) Canon Barlowe said that the schedule would be posted on the GC website as soon as staff can get it formatted. Bishop Curry asked that an explanation accompany the schedule.

3. **Worship** – Devon Anderson reported

This sub-committee has developed a list of 12 proposed criteria, which was posted on the Extranet. They are looking for feedback and will then hand it off to a planning team. Bryan Krislock noted that worship should be planned for 45 minutes to 1 hour, and that whomever is responsible for the other half of that block of time should work together and coordinate, so that it is a cohesive program of worship and other programming. The committee asked Deputy Anderson and the committee to clean up and refine the 12 points and make the recommendation to the worship design team. Canon Stevenson reported that Canon Mark Furlow has been appointed to lead that team. The proposal to adopt this criteria as the supportive piece to offer direction to the worship design team was adopted. (See Attachment B) Canon Slater asked that a local person be named to the team.

4. **ECW Triennial and other gatherings** – Karen Patterson reported

Ms. Patterson reported that the committee has not been able to meet yet, but have been in communication and plan to meet next week.

5. **Finance** – Kurt Barnes reported

Based on calculations estimating factors like number of attendees and exhibitor income, the sub-committee recommends holding fees at the 2018 level. This proposal was adopted. Byron Rushing recommends highlighting that the fees are staying the same.

6. **Theme** – Ryan Kusumoto reported

This sub-committee first discussed whether or not we should have a theme. Their recommendation is that we should have a theme. They had three suggestions:

The Jesus Movement – Walking the Way of Love

Walking the Way of Love – The Jesus Movement

The Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement – Walking the Way of Love

Canon Slater suggested that Walk the Love would be a cleaner, catchier statement, but the committee thought that in this case it would be better to stick with Walking the Way of Love. The consensus was that the best theme was Walking the Way of Love – The Jesus Movement and this was adopted. The Office of Communications will be asked to look at developing a logo.

7. **Communications** – Wendell Gibbs reported

This sub-committee's discussions centered around what they can do to be sure that everyone stays in their lane, and getting clarity on what is being done by the professionals. They also discussed the calendar, and getting both official and non-official events publicized.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Conboy

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2019

To: Joint Standing Committee on Planning & Arrangements

From: Scheduling/Design Subcommittee of JSCPA

Re: **Proposed Draft Schedule for the 80th General Convention**

The scheduling/Design Subcommittee of JSCPA is pleased to send a proposal for the draft schedule of General Convention for your consideration and review. The proposal will be on the agenda of the June 5th teleconference.

This chart shows the number of legislative days, the number of hours for legislative committee meetings and hearings, and the number of hours for legislative sessions in 2015, 2018, and 2021.

	2015	2018	2021
# Legislative Days	9	9	10
# Hours Legislative Committees	21.25	25.75	26.5
# Hours Leg Sessions	45.25	42.25	41

Here is a list of assumptions, primary features, and benefits of the proposed schedule and design:

Legislative Days

- The number of legislative days provides enough space and flexibility to ensure that the number of hours for legislative committee meetings and legislative sessions is not significantly decreased.

Legislative Committees

- Legislative Committee meetings and hearings are significantly frontloaded which should facilitate the early flow of legislative business.
- Legislative Committee meetings consistently begin at 7:30 am or 1:30 pm depending upon the day.

Legislative Sessions

- Legislative Sessions are reserved for legislation with important, but peripheral, matters being taken up during Community Gatherings. Dedication to legislation may increase focus and improve productivity in both Houses.
- Time allotted for Legislative Sessions decreases from 42.25 to 41 hours, a loss of one hour and fifteen minutes. However, since non-legislative matters such as introduction of guests, special presentations, and speakers will happen during the Community Gathering sessions, the time for actual legislative business should increase.
- Joint Sessions, such as the Joint Session on Program, Budget & Finance, will take place within Community Gatherings. This also means that the House of Deputies does not need 150+ additional chairs to accommodate bishops.

Worship & Community Gathering

- Worship & Community Gathering is scheduled for seven of the legislative days and is two hours in duration, always from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Worship will be held for approximately one hour and time for speakers, presentations, and matters of general interest will be held the second hour.
- Worship & Community Gathering is in a space large enough to hold all bishops, deputies, alternate deputies, Triennial delegates, visitors, staff, and volunteers. The presiding bishop is appointing a worship committee to design and plan the three Eucharists and the worship held in conjunction with the Community Gathering. A design committee for the second hour needs to be formed.
- Worship includes three Eucharists (opening, Sunday, and closing) and a Revival. The worship just prior to Community Gathering time affords the opportunity to experience the breadth of Anglican worship in short form. The Revival is scheduled for Monday, July 5 at the request of the host diocese. Monday is a holiday making it an attractive opportunity for attendance. The Diocese of Maryland night is scheduled for immediately following the Revival. The venue has not been determined.

General Comments

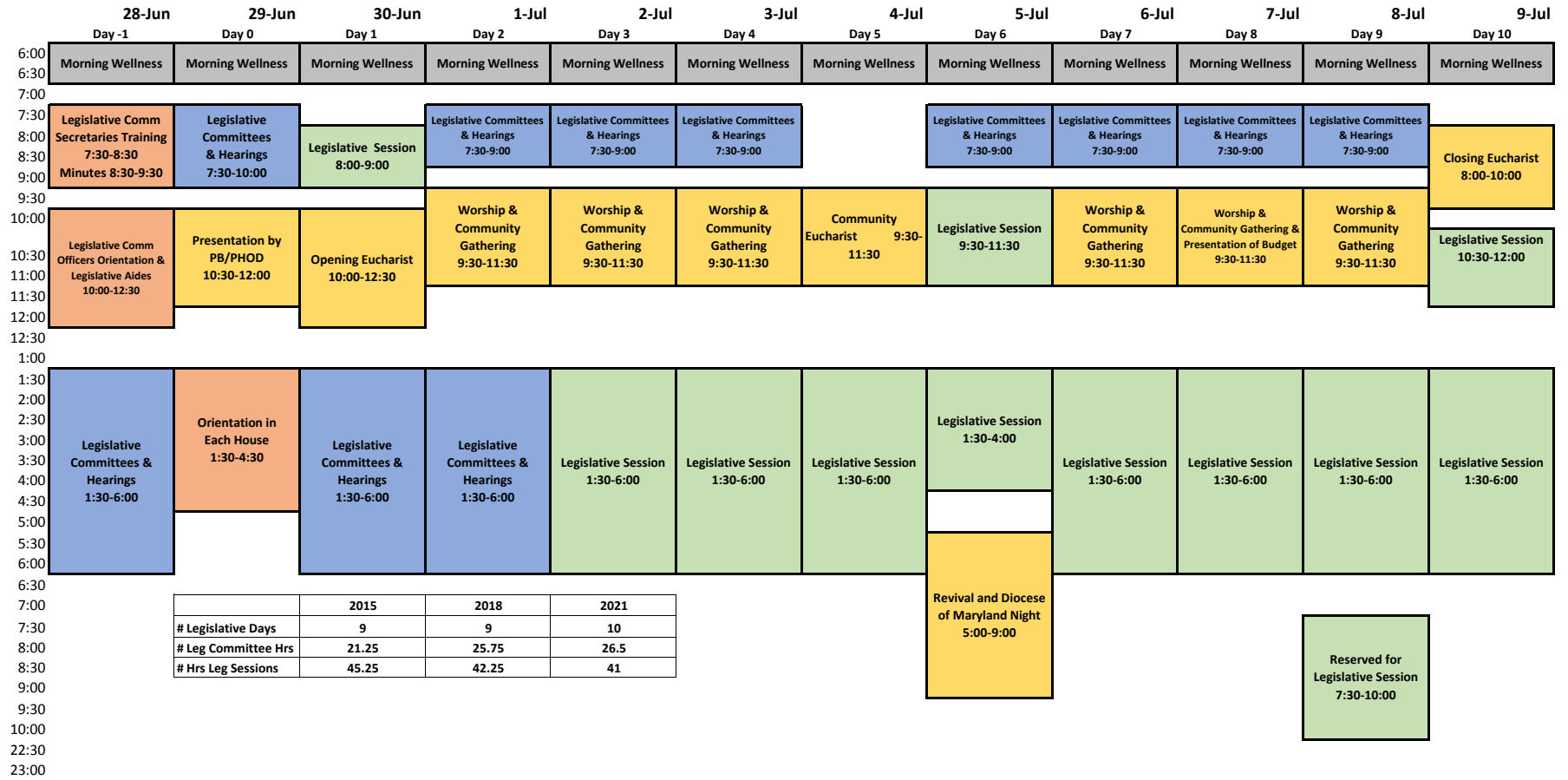
- The proposed schedule has the advantage of regular blocks of time for Legislative Committee meetings, Worship & Community Gathering, and Legislative Sessions which will provide consistency and reduce confusion.

- The proposed schedule has a two-hour block for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This allows people to have lunch, visit the Exhibit Hall, hold meetings of deputations or for other purposes. The two-hour block may also reduce the need for early morning meetings of deputations.
- Evenings are free for people to socialize, eat dinner, rest, and attend sponsored gatherings. Legislative committees may also choose to hold large hearings during free evenings as necessary.

Respectfully submitted by the JSCPA Scheduling/Design Subcommittee:

Gay Jennings, chair
Wendell Gibbs
Sally Johnson
Bryan Krislock
Ryan Kusumoto
Byron Rushing
Scott Slater
Stephanie Spellers

Attachment A



Attachment B

Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements, Subcommittee on Worship
February 21, 2019

Team: Devon Anderson (Chair), Michael Curry, Mary Gray-Reeves, Byron Rushing, Mark Stevenson, Pat Wellnitz, plus Patrick Haizel (for GCO).

Criteria for GC Worship (DRAFT)

- 1) Needs to be grounded in what is Episcopal and Anglican worship; identifiable as within our tradition.
- 2) Needs to relate to the actual people and place – to GC, the deputies and bishops, all the visitors, the place where we are, and the themes and issues of convention
- 3) Multicultural
- 4) Planning Team needs to be reflective of the diversity of the church and reflected in the worship
- 5) Focus on singing; “the music needs to be kick-ass;” support for congregation singing; much more diversity in music style; last time = too much consistency
- 6) Kick-ass preaching; the best preachers we can find – from within or outside of the church
- 7) Three main Eucharists, and then daily offices or expansive
- 8) Excellent, literary, transitions – using the “new” translations developed in this past triennium
- 9) Reflection of local community where GC is taking place; someone should be on the planning team from Baltimore/Maryland (ex: visual use of wine on the altar)
- 10) Clearly Anglican/Episcopal yet expression of creativity, poetry, expansiveness, visual beauty reflected in the worship (ex: projecting photos from the neighborhoods around the convention center; who are our neighbors here?)
- 11) ECW at the table for planning? Don’t want to be stuck in the corner and ignored; want to have voice.
- 12) We need to deal with the UTO expectation for Ingathering at a Eucharist; we want “less of a parade;” what about during the morning prayers could be set aside for honoring all those organizations who raise money in the church and honor all of them