

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
October 15, 2019 11:00 a.m. EDT

Attending:

Members – Devon Anderson, Michael Barlowe, Kurt Barnes, Diane Jardine Bruce, Michael Curry, Wendell Gibbs, Mary Gray-Reeves Gay Jennings, Bryan Krislock, Karen Patterson, Bryon Rushing, , Patricia Wellnitz

Staff – Marian Conboy, Patrick Haizel, Molly James, Sally Johnson, Fiona Nieman, Chuck Robertson, Stephanie Spellers, Mark Stevenson

Excused: Ryan Kusumoto, Scott Slater, Eugene Sutton

Michael Barlowe asked Mary Gray-Reeves to offer an opening prayer. He reviewed the purpose of the meeting, which is to determine the finalist sites for the 2024 General Convention. Members of the General Convention Office staff visited each of the five cities under consideration and prepared a summary report. Canon Barlowe thanked Patrick Haizel, Fiona Nieman and Molly James for their work on this report and invited them to briefly report on each city. Patrick Haizel detailed Anaheim, Detroit and Louisville, and Fiona Nieman reported on San Juan and St. Louis. Molly James told the committee that each city had a favorable rating in the categories of respecting dignity and green initiatives. After their report, Canon Barlowe noted that the committee had five outstanding sites to consider and opened the floor for questions.

The committee questioned finances, dates, and impact we would make on the city. Other considerations were walkability, and the dioceses ability to provide volunteers. After an informal poll, the sites that emerged as favorites were Detroit, Louisville and San Juan. A motion to move these three sites forward was made, seconded and adopted. Michael Barlowe asked the committee not to spread this information widely until he is able to notify the bishops in each of the five dioceses.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Conboy