

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
February 5, 2020 4:00 p.m. EST

Attending:

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

Staff – Marian Conboy, Patrick Haizel, Fiona Nieman, Chuck Robertson, Stephanie Spellers

Excused - Devon Anderson, Mary Gray-Reeves, Scott Slater, Eugene Sutton (Attendance at this meeting by 2021 host diocese representatives was not requested)

Michael Barlowe asked Diane Bruce to offer an opening prayer. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to give the Executive Committee's report and recommendation for the site of the 2024 General Convention. Members of the Executive Committee and GCO staff visited each of the three cities under consideration – Detroit in the Diocese of Michigan, Louisville in the Diocese of Kentucky, and San Juan in the Diocese of Puerto Rico. The committee met with the bishop and others in each diocese, toured the convention centers and met with representatives of the Convention and Visitors Bureaus.

In Detroit, the committee heard from Bishop-Elect Perry that she felt that having the 2024 General Convention in that diocese so soon after her episcopate begins was problematic. Bishops in Louisville and San Juan were both very interested, but Louisville rose above the other cities for following reasons – location in Province IV (easily accessible to many), hotels within walking distance of the convention center, cathedral in the downtown area, directly across from the Omni hotel. Another factor was the impact we could potentially have on the city of Louisville. The mayor met briefly with the group and said that the city is interested in telling the truth of their history. We could be an alternative voice among Christians. For these reasons, the Executive Committee voted unanimously for Louisville. Canon Barlowe opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions. On behalf of Executive Committee, he moved adoption of the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Louisville be the site for the 2024 General Convention and it was carried unanimously.

Next steps will be to obtain majority consent from the Presidents and Vice Presidents of both Houses of General Convention, Executive Council and the Presidents of the Provinces.

Bishop Curry offered a closing prayer. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Conboy