

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
October 26, 2020 12:00 p.m. EDT

Attending:

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

Invited Guest –Sally Johnson

Staff – Marian Conboy, Patrick Haizel, Mary Kostel, Fiona Nieman, Chuck Robertson, Stephanie Spellers, Mark Stevenson

Michael Barlowe opened the meeting and asked Gay Jennings to offer an opening prayer. Canon Barlowe reviewed the agenda and called on Fiona Nieman to give the report on the 82nd General Convention. Ms. Nieman called attention to the documents posted to the Extranet, and outlined the various factors considered when identifying a city as a potential site for the General Convention. The finalist cities under consideration are Charlotte, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Phoenix and San Juan. Ms. Nieman said that all the cities are eager to host and are holding the dates. Byron Rushing asked for the addition of the percentage of white and non-white people in each city to the comparison list. He also suggested the recent ENS article for a history of the Convention's last time in Phoenix 30 years ago, controversy over King holiday sowed seeds of Episcopal racial justice work today

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/10/22/30-years-ago-controversy-over-king-holiday-sowed-seeds-of-episcopal-racial-justice-work-today/>

Eugene Sutton noted that General Convention has never been in a Province IX city, and spoke of the population diversity in Puerto Rico. Sally Johnson asked whether San Juan had adequate meeting space. Ms. Nieman explained that meeting space in hotels was not included in the posted chart, but would be included when we move into the next phase of requesting proposals from the cities. A resolution to propose these five sites to the General Convention for consideration was moved, seconded and approved.

Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 82nd General Convention (2027): Phoenix, Arizona (Diocese of Arizona), Orlando, Florida (Diocese of Central Florida), Charlotte, North Carolina (Diocese of North Carolina), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Diocese of Pittsburgh) and San Juan, Puerto Rico (Diocese of Puerto Rico).

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the 80th General Convention was moved, seconded and adopted. The motion included everyone on the call to be part of the Executive Session.

When the committee came out of Executive Session, Canon Barlowe gave an update on the 81st General Convention (2024). He said that not much has happened since our last meeting. We have signed a letter of intent with Louisville. The Diocese of Kentucky is deeply involved in being agents of reconciliation, and we will be a part of that.

There was no other business. A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and adopted.

Bishop Curry offered a blessing. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. EDT