



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE GENERAL CONVENTION

July 8, 2014

Dear Deputies and Bishops,

A year from now, we will gather in Salt Lake City for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church. In preparation, we are working together to ensure that our shared legislative business can proceed efficiently and in ways that will facilitate God's mission.

To that end, and in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies and House of Bishops, we are naming the legislative committees listed below to receive and propose resolutions for General Convention's consideration. Our goal is to establish legislative committees that are more closely aligned with the framework of the Five Marks of Mission. This has shaped our mission work in the current triennium, and we trust that it will continue to shape our engagement in God's mission in the next triennium.

We have also decided to name a Legislative Committee on Marriage for this General Convention to ensure that the work of the Task Force on Marriage and resolutions related to the rapidly shifting contexts of civil marriage in the United States and in several other parts of the world can be given appropriate consideration. This will also make it possible for the Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music legislative committee to give full consideration to the other business that will come before it.

In July, all deputies will receive a survey asking for pertinent demographic information, legislative committee preferences, and relevant expertise and experience. We expect that deputies will be appointed to legislative committees by late fall. The bishops will be surveyed as to their particular interest in assignments during and following the fall meeting. It is the Presiding Bishop's practice to assign all active bishops to committees, and additional resigned bishops who express an interest.

If you have questions about the new legislative committee structure, please talk with the presiding officer of the legislative house to which you belong. We look forward to our work together next summer.

Faithfully,

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings  
President, House of Deputies

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## 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention Legislative Committees

### 1. **Dispatch of Business**

*Proposes the agenda for its house and determines the calendar of the day, proposes special orders of business, and schedules elections. (Each house has its own committee.)*

### 2. **Certification of Minutes**

*Reviews the minutes of the previous legislative day, corrects the minutes and reports on their completion to the house. (Each house has its own committee.)*

### 3. **Rules of Order**

*Reviews and proposes revisions to the rules that govern each house. (Each house has its own committee. They meet as cognate committees to review and propose Joint Rules of Order that govern both houses.)*

### 4. **Constitution & Canons**

*Receives and proposes resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution or Canons.*

### 5. **Governance & Structure**

*Receives and proposes resolutions that address the governance and structure of this Church including General Convention, Executive Council, and the Anglican Communion.*

### 6. **World Mission**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on mission personnel, world mission strategy, and covenant relationships with other Anglican Provinces or bodies.*

### 7. **Social Justice & International Policy**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on social justice issues in The Episcopal Church's extra-US dioceses and the international peace and justice work of this Church, including engagement with the Anglican Communion.*

### 8. **Social Justice & United States Policy**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on social justice issues facing the United States, including its international engagement.*

### 9. **Congregational Vitality**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on the health, development, and redevelopment of congregations and faith communities including church planting, college and university communities, and new and non-traditional contexts.*

### 10. **Evangelism & Communications**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on evangelism within this Church's jurisdictions; receives and proposes resolutions on communication strategies and technologies to strengthen the Church's communication of the Gospel and opportunities for information management and exchange within the Church.*

### 11. **Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music**

*Receives and proposes resolutions on the Book of Common Prayer, liturgy, and music of this Church.*

- 12. Formation & Education for Ministry**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions on Christian formation and education for all the baptized, and all matters related to ordained ministry.*
- 13. Church Pension Fund**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions on the purpose, scope, structure, and work of the Church Pension Fund including, but not limited to, pensions, disability, health insurance, other insurance and products for lay and ordained employees of the Church, insurance for Church institutions, and publishing.*
- 14. Stewardship & Development**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions on stewardship, stewardship education, development, and planned giving.*
- 15. Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions on relations between this Church and other Churches, this Church and other religions, interchurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action.*
- 16. Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions on environmental stewardship and the care of creation.*
- 17. Privilege & Courtesy**  
*Receives and proposes resolutions that commend individuals or organizations and proposes resolutions that express the houses' appreciation for groups or persons. (Each house has its own committee.)*
- 18. Credentials**  
*Registers deputies and reports on the number of voting members in the House of Deputies at each session and acts as tellers for elections. (House of Deputies only.)*
- 19. Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop**  
*Receives the report from the House of Bishops regarding the election of a Presiding Bishop, and recommends action regarding confirmation. (House of Deputies only.)*
- 20. Special Legislative Committee on Marriage**  
*Receives the Report of the A050 Task Force on the Study of Marriage; receives and proposes resolutions related to marriage.*

**July 3, 2014**

**Five Marks of Mission:  
Supporting Mission and Partnership for Mission**

**Legislative Committees in support of Mark 1: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**

Congregational Vitality  
Evangelism & Com14-Jul-3munications  
World Mission

**Legislative Committees in support of Mark 2: To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers**

Congregational Vitality  
Formation & Education for Ministry  
Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Legislative Committees in support of Mark 3: To respond to human need by loving service**

Congregational Vitality  
Formation & Education for Ministry  
World Mission

**Legislative Committees in support of Mark 4: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation**

Congregational Vitality  
Social Justice & International Policy  
Social Justice & US Policy

**Legislative Committees in support of Mark 5: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation  
Social Justice & International Policy  
Social Justice & US Policy  
Stewardship & Development

**Legislative Committees that support Governance and Partnerships for Mission**

Certification of Minutes  
Church Pension Fund  
Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop  
Constitution & Canons  
Congregational Vitality  
Credentials  
Dispatch of Business  
Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations  
Governance & Structure  
Privilege & Courtesy  
Rules of Order  
Stewardship & Development

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**2015**

**House of Deputies Legislative Committees**

- (1) Dispatch of Business
- (2) Certification of Minutes
- (3) Rules of Order
- (4) Constitution & Canons
- (5) Governance & Structure
- (6) World Mission
- (7) Social Justice & International Policy
- (8) Social Justice & United States Policy
- (9) Congregational Vitality
- (10) Evangelism & Communications
- (11) Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
- (12) Formation & Education for Ministry
- (13) Church Pension Fund
- (14) Stewardship and Development
- (15) Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations
- (16) Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation
- (17) Privilege & Courtesy
- (18) Credentials
- (19) Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop

(20) Special Legislative Committee on Marriage

**2015**

**House of Bishops Legislative Committees**

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- (14) Stewardship and Development
- (15) Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations
- (16) Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation
- (17) Privilege & Courtesy
- (A) Pastoral Letter
- (B) Resignation of Bishops
- (C) Religious Communities
- (D) On Nominations and Elections

(20) Special Legislative Committee on Marriage

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**2012**

**House of Deputies Legislative Committees**

**HOD Rules of Order**

- (1) Dispatch of Business
- (2) Certification of Minutes
- (3) Rules of Order
- (4) Constitution
- (5) Canons
- (6) Structure
- (7) Consecration of Bishops
- (8) World Mission
- (9) National and International Concerns
- (10) Social and Urban Affairs
- (11) Church in Small Communities
- (12) Evangelism
- (13) Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
- (14) Ministry
- (15) Education
- (16) Church Pension Fund
- (17) Stewardship and Development
- (18) Ecumenical Relations
- (19) Communications
- (20) Miscellaneous Resolutions
- (21) Privilege and Courtesy
- (22) Committees and Commissions
- (23) Credentials
- (24) Sergeant-at-Arms

**2012**

**House of Bishops Legislative Committees**

**HOB Rules of Order**

- (1) Dispatch of Business
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