JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM, BUDGET AND FINANCE

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and Chief Financial Officer for the DFMS, Ex-Officio
The Committee’s membership comprises three (3) representatives from each province – two (2) deputies and one (1) bishop, appointed by the Presidents of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

**Changes in Membership**

Deputies Narcisa Cabrera, David Quittmeyer, Michele Racusin, Scott Remington, and Douglas Sparks were replaced by Consuelo Sanchez, Tess Judge, Timothy Gee, Kim Seidman, and Jim Ware. Deputy Quittmeyer was reappointed, *Ex-Officio*, to the Committee as the Representative of the President of the House of Deputies. Bishops Gregory Rickel, Mark Beckwith, and Mark Bourlakas replaced Bishops James Mathes, William Stokes, and Audrey Scanlon.

**Mandate**

The Responsibilities of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F) are found in Canon 1.1.2 (m) and Canon 1.4.6, and in the Joint Rules of Order 10 and are to:

Meet and consult with the Executive Council on adjustments to program priorities, and on alternate income generating resources;

Receive from Executive Council their proposed General Church Program for the upcoming triennium, hold hearings and consider any adjustments and amendments;

Recommend funding and spending policies to each General Convention for the succeeding triennium;

Act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and the Executive Council.

**Summary of Work**

**Meetings**

The Executive Council, and its Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission (FFM), continued the practice begun in the last triennium of involving PB&F in its work of budget preparation. At least one (1) member of PB&F was present at each Executive Council Meeting, and at a special meeting of FFM that focused entirely on budget preparation.

Deputy Miles was present at the Executive Council Meetings held February 26 – 28, 2016; June 5 – 8, 2016 and October 20 – 21, 2016; Deputies Miles and Quittmeyer and Bishop Lane were present at the Executive Council Meeting held February 5–8, 2017; Deputies Miles and Downing, and PHOD representative Quittmeyer were present throughout the special FFM meeting held May 21 – 23, 2017;
Deputy Miles and PHOD representative Quittmeyer were present at the Executive Council Meeting held June 9 – 11, 2017; Deputies Miles, Downing, and Ehmer and PHOD representative Quittmeyer were present at the Executive Council Meeting held October 18-21, 2017.

The FFM adopted a framework and timeline for budget preparation in June 2016. The framework was based on the vision of Executive Council leadership of the Jesus Movement which was released to the wider church for comment in late October. The framework and timeline outlined a thorough process for preparation, including input from the wider Church, which concluded in February with the hand-off of the proposed budget to PB&F and formal release to the public. On November 13, Executive Council released a preliminary draft of the 2019-2021 budget to the Church with a call for comments on the work to that point.

PB&F met face-to-face for the first time at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland on October 21-23, 2017. Prior to this meeting, the Committee had communicated via the Extranet, had nominated and elected the leadership of the Committee. Section chairs had also been identified. The major focus of the October meeting was the orientation of the members of the Committee. The meeting included tutorial presentations that outlined the various sections of the Jesus Movement budget constructed by FFM and Executive Committee. These included three areas of focus that were adopted by the General Convention of 2015: Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation and Justice, and Environmental Stewardship. Two (2) fundamental areas were the Ongoing work of the Church, both within and beyond the Episcopal Church, and the supportive missions of governance, finance, legal and operations.

Other presentations included the historical information on the operation of the budget and the process as carried by the Committee through General Convention.

Going forward, PB&F will concentrate its work in four (4) subcommittees: Evangelism and Ongoing Mission inside the Episcopal Church; Environmental Stewardship and Ongoing Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church; Racial Reconciliation and Justice; and the Missions of the Office of the Presiding Bishop, Governance, Finance, Legal, and Operations.

The Committee’s work takes place primarily at the General Convention; the budget process, however, calls for the draft budget from the Executive Council to be transmitted to the Committee no later than four (4) months before the General Convention.

The Executive Council met January 22-24, 2018, at which time the draft budget was approved by Executive Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Council’s Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission. Bishop Lane and Deputies Miles, Ehmer, Downing, and PHoD Representative Quittmeyer attended the Executive Council meeting on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on
Program, Budget and Finance. The draft budget was transmitted to PB&F in time for its meeting February 5-7, 2018, when the Committee was scheduled to meet for a second time.

Subsequent to receiving the draft document, the Committee has continued to devote its time prior to the General Convention to reviewing and posing questions of a clarifying nature in learning more about the specific items contained in the budget, as well as to prepare a presentation on the draft for use at Provincial Gatherings in preparation for General Convention in Austin in July 2018.

The General Convention Office, at the request of the Committee, provides the draft budget for The Episcopal Church to all deputies and bishops in a format that clearly demonstrates that it is a work in progress. Following open hearings, one of which will take place at 7:30 pm on Thursday July 5, and resolutions containing or implying spending from legislative committees at General Convention, final work on the budget will take place. The budget will be presented to a Joint Session of the Houses at 2:15 pm Wednesday, July 11 with the vote to accept the proposed budget scheduled for the following day.