JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS

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Mandate

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Summary of Work

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This group met eight times, with one face to face meeting and seven conference calls. Subcommittees met frequently and reported back to the group.

The full committee held its first meeting in Austin, Texas (site of the 79th General Convention) on February 2-3, 2016. At the meeting, the 78th General Convention was reviewed and potential improvements were discussed. Subcommittees were formed to work on particular convention aspects: worship, communications, schedule, theme, space allocation, and fee structure. The GC 2015 referred resolutions, A042, A103 and D066, were reviewed and assigned to subcommittees.

Recommendations of the subcommittees were brought to the full group for a vote. Among these decisions were:

- Hold the large GC worship off-site at the Palmer Center, coupled with a Diocese of Texas event. Additional funds were raised for this.
- Theme of the 79th General Convention – “The Jesus Movement: Loving, Liberating, Life-giving”.
- Move the daily worship later in the day so those involved in the legislative aspects of General Convention are able to attend
- Hold more joint sessions for missional conversation
- Create a position of Communications Coordinator
- Allow exhibitors to rent space for less than the full time that the Exhibit Hall is open

The committee voted to submit a resolution to General Convention amending the Canons to reflect the current practice concerning recommendations about future General Convention sites.

The Executive Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements visited the three finalist sites for the 80th General Convention and recommended Baltimore in the Diocese of Maryland. Required approvals from the Presiding Officers of each House, the Presidents of each Province and the Executive Council were obtained. The committee received information about possible sites for the 81st General Convention and made recommendations based on cost, location, desire of the diocese to host the event, and availability of volunteers. Finalist sites are recommended to General Convention through a resolution.

**Proposed Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION A001 SITE OF 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION (2024)**

Resolved, the House of ______ concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 81st General Convention (2024): Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Detroit, Michigan
(Diocese of Michigan), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), and St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri)

RESOLUTION A002 GENERAL CONVENTION DAILY AGENDA

Resolved, the House of ______ concurring, That the 79th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. Joint sessions for Mission and Evangelism conversation and presentation of proposed budget
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 79th General Convention held in Austin, Texas be

Monday, July 2
11:00 am – 4:00 pm Volunteer Supervisors Gathering

Tuesday, July 3
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration and Deputy Certification
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Committee Secretary Training
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Legislative Committees

Wednesday, July 4
7:00 am – 5:00 pm Deputy Certification
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Legislative Committees
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bishop and Deputy Orientation
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Bishop Gathering

Thursday, July 5
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:00 – 9:00 am Legislative Session
9:30 – 10:45 am Opening Eucharist
11:15 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Committees
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 4:00 pm Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm Legislative Hearings

Friday, July 6
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
10:30 am-12:00 pm Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 4:00 pm Legislative Committees
4:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
5:00 pm Resolution Filing Deadline
7:30 – 8:45pm Worship

Saturday, July 7
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
10:30am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:30 – 4:00 pm Joint Session on Evangelism
5:30 – 7:00 pm Worship at the Palmer Center
7:00 – 9:00 pm Diocese of Texas Event

Sunday, July 8
10:30 am Simple Eucharist at Convention Center or worship in local parishes
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 7:00 pm Legislative Session

Monday, July 9
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
10:30am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship
6:45 – 7:30 pm Deputies/Bishops Caucus by Province

Tuesday, July 10
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Joint Session on Care of Creation
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, July 11
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
10:30am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 3:15 pm Joint Session PB&F
3:45 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship
7:30 – 9:30 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Thursday, July 12
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
7:30 – 8:30 am Legislative Committees
9:00 – 1:00 am Legislative Session
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:15 – 6:00 pm Legislative Session
7:30 – 9:00 pm Closing Eucharist

Friday, July 13
7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:00 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session (Morning Prayer in each House)
1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
2:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
6:30 pm Joint Adjournment – Sine Die
Resolved, the House of ______ concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.1.14(a) as follows:

Sec. 14(a) At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the third second succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.

Explanation:
This proposed change in the canon reflects the practice of the last several triennia, and conforms to contemporary norms for professional convention planning.