

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS

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Ms. Patricia Wellnitz	Nebraska, VI	2024
The Rt. Rev. Terry White	Kentucky, IV	2024

Mandate

Joint Rules of Order IV

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a. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the General Convention, which shall have responsibility between Conventions for the matters indicated by its title. The Committee shall be composed, ex officio, of the Executive Officer of the General Convention, the Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Chairs of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business of the two Houses, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the President and First Vice-President of the Episcopal Church Women, the General Convention Manager and one Presbyter or Deacon and one Lay Person appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. In the case of a General Convention for which a meeting site has been selected, the Committee shall also include the Bishop and the General Chairman of Arrangements of the local Committee of the Dioceses in which that General Convention shall be held.

b. It shall be the duty of the Committee to consult with the Presidents of the two Houses, the Chairs of the Joint and Standing Committees and Commissions, Boards and Agencies of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and such other representative bodies as it may deem necessary, in the study and determination, prior to any meeting of the General Convention, of the arrangements for, and the nature of, the Agenda thereof, to be recommended by it to the General Convention for such meeting.

c. It shall be the further duty of the Committee to take such action as may be provided by Canon for the selection of sites for meetings of the General Convention.

d. The Committee shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Presidents of the two Houses, the Chair of the Committee, the Executive Officer of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, and the General Convention Manager.

Summary of Work

The Joint Standing Committee on Planning & Arrangements met four times during this shortened biennium: December 12, 2022, March 23, 2023, June 6, 2023, and February 6, 2024. They began their work by briefly reviewing the 80th General Convention before moving on to planning the 81st General Convention and the 82nd General Convention site selection process.

The Committee approved the DRAFT agenda for the 80th General Convention including setting the length, the dates of the joint sessions, and the election of the next Presiding Bishop. The Anniversary Celebration for the Episcopal Church Women was also added to the official draft schedule. A resolution clarifying the daily schedule of General Convention is included in this report for consideration at General Convention.

With the consent of the full committee a small group visited the final three cities hoping to be selected for the 81st General Convention. The small group reported back to the full committee their findings and recommendations, and the committee voted to recommend Phoenix in the Diocese of Arizona as the site of the 2027 General Convention. The recommendation moved through the consent process directed by the Canons and the recommendation was approved.

The Committee also met to select the cities that would be presented by resolution to the 81st General Convention selecting the potential cities for the 83rd General Convention in 2030. The committee approved the resolution, and it is included in this report for consideration this summer.

The members of the joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements manage multiple General Convention details at any given time. They review the most recently completed Convention, actively plan the next General Convention, while finalizing the site and selecting possible sites for the next two Conventions. As the hospitality industry changes, and as the Church itself changes, this committee moving forward will review the canonical process of planning and arranging General Convention to ensure plans are made intentionally with the priorities of the Church in mind.

Proposed Resolutions

A001 General Convention Daily Agenda

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention function through the following activities:

1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. Joint sessions for presentations of the proposed budget and the Presiding Bishop Nominees;
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by legislative committees

And be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and daily timetable of the 81st General Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky be:

Thursday, June 20, 2024

11:00 am -4:00 pm Senior Volunteer Gathering & Training

Friday, June 21, 2024

9:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration & Deputy Certification

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Legislative Committees Officers Training

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop Meet the Nominees

Saturday, June 22, 2024

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration & Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Presiding Bishop/ President of the House of Deputies Presentation to General Convention

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Orientation for Bishops & Deputies

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Revival

Sunday, June 23, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 am Deputy Certification

8:30 am – 10:30 am Opening Eucharist

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Episcopal Church Women 50th Triennial Anniversary Party

Monday, June 24, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

9:00 am – 10:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Joint Session on the Budget

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Diocese of Kentucky Night

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

9:00 am – 10:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Joint Session on Presiding Bishop Nominees

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:30 am – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Presiding Bishop Election
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Thursday, June 27, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Morning Prayer & Legislative Session
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Friday, June 28, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
8:30 am – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session
6:00 pm Sine Die

A002 Site for the 83rd General Convention

Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 83rd General Convention (2030): Kansas City, Missouri (Diocese of West Missouri); Minneapolis, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota); Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Diocese of Pittsburgh); Portland, Oregon (Diocese of Oregon); and San Juan, Puerto Rico (Diocese of Puerto Rico).