

Dear Committee #6 Colleagues,

Welcome to Committee #6 on Structure! We are looking forward to working with you in Indianapolis. This email has a great deal of information, and we encourage you to read it carefully.

1) We consider it a privilege to serve as chairs of our respective committees. We pledge to do our best for you and for the House of Deputies (HOD) and the House of Bishops (HOB). We are committed to working together as cognate committees to the best of our ability. Listed below are the officers and others who will assist HOD Committee #6 and HOB Committee #6.

HOD Committee #6 Officers

Chair: The Rev. Gay C. Jennings (Ohio)

Vice Chair: Mr. Vincent Currie, Jr. (Central Gulf Coast)

Secretary: Mr. Thomas A. Little (Vermont)

HOB Committee #6 Officers

Chair: The Rt. Rev. S. Johnson Howard (Florida)

Vice Chair: To be elected

Secretary: Tom Little will provide secretarial services for HOB Committee #6

Legislative Aides

Committee #6 will have two Legislative Aides. We are awaiting word of these appointments.

Committee on Dispatch Liaisons

Mr. Joseph Ferrell (North Carolina)

Mrs. Anneke Bertsch (Central Florida)

2) Please send a paragraph to the Extranet as a way for us to become better acquainted before we gather in Indianapolis. Please include your name, diocese, work and/or volunteer position(s), service as a deputy (number of Conventions), previous legislative committee experience, area of particular experience, expertise, and/or passion as it relates to Structure, and hopes for the work of Committee #6.

3) A draft schedule has been uploaded in the Files section. Please mark your calendars now. Please note that our first meeting will be at 8:00 am on Wednesday, July 4th. Committee #6 will meet at the JW Marriott Hotel. Please make sure that you will arrive in Indianapolis on Tuesday, July 3rd so you can be present for the first meeting. The first meeting is critical for the smooth and effective functioning of the committees throughout General Convention. Please also note that there will be a large Hearing the evening of Thursday, July 5th. The location will be determined once we arrive in Indianapolis.

4) In an earlier message, Marian Conboy from the General Convention Office provided copies of pre-filed legislation on this site. An Excel tracking sheet has also been uploaded in the Files section. This tracking sheet will be updated on a regular basis. We expect there will be a significant number of resolutions assigned to this committee. Please read, mark, and inwardly digest!

5) Marian Conboy provided a link to research packets for resolutions assigned to Committee #6. Research packets are prepared by the Archives staff and are found at the Archives website: <http://www.episcopalarchives.org/gc2012/>. The Archives staff will continually update the research

packets as legislation is assigned to committees, and they will include supplementary documents endorsed or referenced in resolutions. This is an amazing service provided by the Archives.

We will be in touch with additional information in the near future. In the meantime, please feel free to contact either of us if you have questions or concerns.

Faithfully yours,

John Howard and Gay Jennings