

80th General Convention Legislative Committees

Legislative Committees

Legislative Committees are required to hold hearings before taking any action.

1. Rules of Order

Reviews and proposes Resolutions to revise the rules that govern the House.

2. Constitution & Canons

Receives and proposes Resolutions that would amend the Constitution or Canons.

3. Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Receives and proposes Resolutions on the Title IV disciplinary Canons and procedures.

4. Governance & Structure

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

5. World Mission

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

6. Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, & Safeguarding

Receives and proposes Resolutions on sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, and safeguarding, especially from, but not limited to, the Task Force on Women, Truth and Reconciliation (D016); the Task Force to Develop Model Sexual Harassment Policies & Safe Church Training (A048 & A109); the Task Force to Study Sexism in TEC & Develop Anti-Sexism Training (C060 & D023).

7. Social Justice & International Policy

Receives and proposes Resolutions on social justice issues in The Episcopal Church's dioceses beyond the United States, and the international peace and justice work of the 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.

9. Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Receives and proposes Resolutions on racial justice, reconciliation, and healing.

- 10. Congregational & Diocesan Vitality**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on the health, development, and redevelopment of dioceses, congregations, and faith communities.
- 11. Evangelism & Church Planting**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on evangelism and church planting including strategies to strengthen the Church's communication of the Gospel.
- 12. Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on the Book of Common Prayer, liturgy, and music of this Church.
- 13. Committees & Commissions**
Receives and proposes Resolutions relating to the creation, continuation, merger, or other changes in Standing Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, Boards, and other Agencies of the church.
- 14. Christian Formation & Discipleship**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on discipleship, Christian formation, and education for all the baptized.
- 15. Ministry**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on ordained and lay ministry especially, but not limited to, Title III Canons.
- 16. Churchwide Leadership**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on churchwide leadership especially, but not limited to, issues related to compensation, benefits, equity, family leave, pro forma resignations, and related matters.
- 17. Agencies & Boards**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on the purpose, scope, structure, and work of the agencies and boards of The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the Church Pension Fund, Episcopal Relief & Development, The Archives of The Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church Women, United Thank Offering, Board for Transition Ministry, Forward Movement, General Theological Seminary, and General Board of Examining Chaplains.
- 18. Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on stewardship and socially responsible investing.
- 19. Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations**
Receives and proposes Resolutions on relations between this Church and other Churches outside the Anglican Communion, this Church and other religions, interchurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action.

20. Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Receives and proposes Resolutions on environmental stewardship and the care of creation.

21. Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, & Finance

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F) is a joint standing committee rather than a legislative committee. During General Convention, PB&F conducts hearings on the Proposed Program and Budget and by Resolution, presents a Program and Budget for the consideration and vote of General Convention.

Special Legislative Committees

Special Legislative Committees are not required to hold hearings before taking any action.

22. Dispatch of Business

Proposes the agenda for the House, determines the Calendar of the Day, proposes Special Orders of Business, and schedules elections.

23. Certification of Minutes

Reviews the Minutes of the previous legislative day, corrects the Minutes and reports on their completion to the House.

24. Privilege & Courtesy

Receives and proposes Resolutions that commend individuals or organizations and proposes Resolutions that express the House's appreciation for groups or persons.

25. Credentials (House of Deputies only)

Registers Deputies and reports on the number of voting members in the House of Deputies at each session and acts as tellers for elections.

Other Committees

26. Resolution Review (House of Deputies only)

Reviews all Resolutions submitted prior to General Convention to ensure they are consistent with the polity of this Church, that they are in the form required by the Canons, and to assess if there are funding implications. The review process continues during General Convention. The president of the House of Deputies may appoint deputies, alternate deputies, or others with pertinent expertise.

27. Legislative Review (House of Bishops only)

Reviews, summarizes and categorizes Resolutions to assist bishops in preparing for General Convention. The committee will present its work to the spring meeting of the House of Bishops before General Convention. The members of the committee will also be available to provide assistance to individual bishops or to the House of Bishops during General Convention as needed. The Presiding Bishop will appoint bishops and others with pertinent expertise.

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