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Young Adult Festival Guide

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the 81st General Convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(For a Church Convention or Meeting, Book of Common Prayer, page 818)

Every three years Episcopalians from around the world gather to form a body of believers charged with discussing, discerning, and in some ways deciding the course of the church for the coming three years. General Convention is a legislative meeting, an informational gathering, a collaborative opportunity, and a spiritually uplifting and challenging experience. It is a chance to meet Episcopalians from all walks of life and all parts of the church and to share faith, food, and a few laughs.

We're excited that you have decided to join the festivities via the Young Adult Festival. Young adults like you are playing an integral role in determining the future of our church. It is your ideas, passions, questions, sense of mission, discipleship, and leadership that will determine what kind of a body we as a church will be in the twenty-first century.

In 2003 the first Young Adult Festival was held at General Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The presence of so many young adults had such an impact that young adult ministry was affirmed as a top mission priority for the coming triennium. Three years later our presence grew at General Convention in Ohio and was re-affirmed as a top mission priority. This year we offer the opportunity to experience General Convention in a profound way along with a community of other young adults, to express ideas and thoughts, and to create a space for leaders within the church to hear you, see you, and learn from you.

Please take the time to look through the materials provided and discover how you can delve into the carefully orchestrated chaos that is General Convention through the Young Adult Festival 2024. We invite you to come to Young Adult Festival and General Convention to proclaim who you are and share your passions, questions, wonderings, and thoughts. Come and see who God is calling you to be and listen to others as they do the same. Then go into the world and live out your calling with passion and love.

Peace,
The Rev. Shannon Kelly
Officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministry

Getting Oriented

When You Arrive

Young Adult Festival will be meeting in the Galt House Hotel at 140 N. Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40202. Our meeting room is the Lily Room.

We begin on June 21 at 3pm with a time of gathering, welcome, introductions, and orientation. Registration opens at 1pm for the festival.

Hotel Check in and Etiquette

Hotel check in, if you are staying at the Galt House, is any time after 3pm. If you arrive before that, the hotel can store luggage for you.

If you choose to have housekeeping come in each day, it is customary to leave a tip of \$5 or more. If they come in every few days, a \$10 tip is also customary. Tipping the housekeepers compensates for the low wages they typically receive for work that makes your life cleaner and easier while at convention.

Getting your General Convention Badge

For ALL General Convention events, you will need your name badge, so this is one of the first things you will want to acquire and you also want to keep track of it.

To get your badge go to the Exhibit Hall in the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) and follow the signs to check in.

LIABILITY WAIVER AND PHOTO RELEASE

All registrants are required to show a photo ID and sign agreement with the liability waiver and photo release at the time they pick up their badge at the registration area.

Getting Around Town

- **From the airport** - you can take the Number 2 bus to the S 5th @ W Market stop and then walk .3 miles to the hotel which will take about 15-30 minutes, or you can take a taxi or rideshare to get to the hotel.
- **Walking** – most everything is within a mile of the Convention Center and downtown is very walkable.
- **Louisville Public Transit** - <https://www.ridetarc.org/>

Young Adult Festival and General Convention Online

- **Young Adult Festival App** – on your phone browser, open yacm.episcopalchurch.org. Click “install app” and follow the instructions. This will update anytime you are on WIFI. It contains our Community Covenant, Young Adult Festival Handbook, Schedule, GC Schedule, maps, transportation information, and more. If you do not have a smart phone or tablet, please let us know and we will make sure you get paper copies of the necessary documents.
- **Blue Book:** The Blue Book (A book containing reports from Boards, Committees, and Commissions and proposed legislation) is and will be all available electronically. You can find the Blue Book and other documents here: <https://generalconvention.org/bluebook2024>.
- **The Virtual Binder** with Resolutions can be found here: <https://www.vbinder.net/>
- **Download/connect to the General Convention App**
EVENT APP FOR THE 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION
Step into seamless event navigation with our cutting-edge mobile app!
At the 81st General Convention, let the app be your personal guide,



allowing you to discover interactive maps, exhibitor information, the full conference schedule, and the latest updates—all from the palm of your hand. This mobile app is compatible with **iOS 14** and higher and **Android 10** and higher.

1. Search for the “Cvent Events” app on the iOS Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Or scan the [QR code](#) to download the “Cvent Events” app.

2. Upon opening the app search for “The 81st General Convention,” and download the event to the app.

3. When you’ve identified this event, it will automatically open when you select the Cvent Events app on your phone. Don’t worry about logging in; the mobile application is available for all attendees!

- **#Hashtags** - General Convention #gc81 and Young Adult Festival #yafgc24

About Convention

We suggest you take a look at the [Handbook for the 81st General Convention](#) for Deputies and Bishops which will give you an overview of the 81st General Convention and more.

Locations and Information

General Convention is being held at the **Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC)**, 221 S 4th St, Louisville, KY 40202 We will be there each day for worship, committee meetings, and when attending either the House of Deputies or the House of Bishops.

Young Adult Festival – The Lily Room, Galt House Hotel, 140 N. Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40202.

KFC Yum! Center and Entry Information

[1 Arena Plaza, Louisville, KY 40202](#)

Please plan ahead to help facilitate a quick and efficient entry process.

- **Backpacks of any kind, including drawstring, fanny packs, computer bags, and camera bags are prohibited.**
- Parenting and medical bags are permitted and subject to search.
- All bags are subject to search upon entering the arena.
- **Bags no larger than 14" x 14" x 6" will be allowed into the arena.**
- Arena concessions will be open for food purchase. The arena is a **cashless** facility.
- More guidelines can be found here: <https://www.kfcyumcenter.com/plan-your-visit/faqs>

Note: Both the KICC and YUM! Center are cashless facilities. You will need to pay with a card.

Things to Do, Where to Eat, Attendee Resources

- GoToLouisville has some great resources about things to do while in the city. <https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/>
- If you are looking for things right around the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) <https://www.gotolouisville.com/restaurants-near-kicc/>
- For more **Attendee Resources**, check out the wonderful guide from the General Convention Office. <https://generalconvention.org/attendee-resources-gc81/>
- All of the Calendars for General Convention can be found in one place. So browse the Official Schedule, Affiliated Events, Episcopal Church Women, Exhibit Hall and more! <https://generalconvention.org/calendars-gc81/#schedule-gc81>

Worship

There will be daily worship at General Convention.

There are **not** paper bulletins available, so you will want to download these ahead of time on your device or print them at home. <https://generalconvention.org/worship-gc81/#bulletins>

Top 10 Things to Do at General Convention

10. Visit the Exhibit Hall and learn about the incredible ministries across the church (& get some swag.)
9. Spend a full hour listening to the debate and discussion on the floor of the House of Deputies.
8. Spend a full hour listening to the debate and discussion on the floor of the House of Bishops.
7. Go to the worship services during the Convention.
6. Go to a committee meeting or hearing that interests you.
Sign up to speak if you have passion about an issue.
5. Pick up and read pamphlets given to you. You may not agree with the contents, but you'll learn a lot.
4. Attend a non-business General Convention event.
3. Find your Diocesan deputation and Bishop to say hello. Try to have a meal with them if possible.
2. Write down your thoughts and feelings about everything going on. Take time to reflect on it.
1. Pray that God is present in the process of General Convention.

What to Bring

Money

Your registration fee includes dinner on June 21. Other meals and all hotel incidentals (including meals, phone, pay-per-view, daily gratuity for housekeeping, etc.) will be your responsibility. There are lots of good, inexpensive food options in downtown and there are a couple convenience stores to purchase food. Please remember that both the KICC and YUM! Centers are cashless facilities and plan accordingly.

Snacks

Your hotel room will have a college size fridge, microwave, coffee maker, and a sink. You may want to stock up on food, snacks, and coffee to save a few bucks. Breakfast is a great thing to have in your room! Make coffee or tea, bring meal bars, oatmeal packets, fruit, etc. to save you both money and time.

Appropriate Clothing

Business casual is typical dress for official General Convention events. It will be hot and humid outside and cold inside with air-conditioning on full blast. You will be doing lots of walking, so good shoes are a must. Don't forget to bring sunscreen.

Enthusiasm

YAF is an important opportunity for young adults in the Church to be seen and heard by the leaders in the Episcopal Church. We are glad that you are participating in the life of the Church.

Sense of Community

The Community Covenant has been in place for many Young Adult Festivals. We ask at the outset that you read the covenant carefully and consider your role in it. As we gather together for the Young Adult Festival at General Convention let's remember our role as leaders and educators in the way we live into our ministry in the church both today and tomorrow. You may wish to bring a special gift or token from your region/town/church to share with the new friends you make.

An Extra Bag

The exhibit hall of General Convention is filled with vendors and exhibitors who have many things to sell and some free things for the taking. You may wish to bring an extra bag to haul home your loot!

Don't Bring

Alcohol/drugs

YAF exists to bring young adults into community at General Convention. Intoxication is distracting to true community building. Our covenant states that we will be responsible and moderate if drinking—if of legal age—and we will not engage with illicit drugs while at General Convention.

Towels/sheets

We are staying at a hotel, so towels and sheets are provided.

Expensive Equipment

We are not responsible for lost or stolen property. Be sure to safeguard your belongings. All items that you bring are solely your responsibility.

Young Adult Festival Schedule 2024

- Most of the Young Adult Festival events are held at the Galt House Hotel in the Lily Room.
- General Convention Events are at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) unless otherwise noted in the General Convention schedule. Some committee meetings, hearings and events are held in nearby hotels.

Below is a basic schedule. Please see the app for the most up-to-date and detailed schedule. There will also be a schedule posted in our meeting room. **None of the events are mandatory and all will help your understanding and engagement at General Convention.**

Young Adult Festival 2024 Schedule (Subject to change)

Friday, June 21	1:00 PM	Registration Opens	Galt House Lily Room
		Register also at Exhibit Hall	Exhibit Hall in KICC
	2-3:30 PM	PHoD Nominees Forum	Marriott
	3:00 PM	YAF Orientation	Galt House Lily Room
	4-6 PM	JNCPB Presentation of Nominees	Marriott
	6:30 PM	Dinner Together	Galt House Lily Room
	7:30 PM	Break	
	8:00 PM	Checking-in and Debriefing	Galt House Lily Room
	9:00 PM	Compline	Galt House Lily Room
Saturday, June 22		Breakfast on your own	
	9-10AM	Programming - General Convention 101	Galt House Lily Room
	9-12 PM	Legislative Committees	
	12:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
	2:00 PM	PB/PHOD Presentation to Convention	KICC
	3:30-4:30PM	How to share your story? Public Narrative 101	Galt House Lily Room
	5:00 PM	Dinner on your own	
	5-7 PM	ESC Alumni Mixer	
	7:00 PM	Revival	YUM Center
Sunday, June 23		Breakfast on your own	
	7:00 AM	Legislative Committees	KICC
	8:30 AM	Eucharist	KICC
	11:00 AM	Legislative Session	KICC
	11:00 AM	Ministry Panel #1 Learn about the ministries of TEC	Galt House Lily Room
	Noon	Lunch on your own	

	2:00 PM	Ministry Panel #2 Learn about the ministries of TEC	Galt House Lily Room
	2:00 PM	Legislative Session	KICC
		Dinner on your own	
	8:00 PM	Meeting with PHoD	Galt House Lily Room
	9:00 PM	Debrief of day and Compline	Galt House Lily Room
Monday, June 24		Breakfast on your own	
	7:00 AM	Legislative Committees	KICC
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	KICC
	10:30 AM	Joint Session Presentation of the Budget	KICC
	Noon	Lunch on your own	
	1-2:15 PM	Conversation: Young Adult Discernment/ Navigating the Church as YA	Galt House Lily Room
	2:00 PM	Legislative Session	KICC
	2:30 PM	Explore the Exhibit Hall (Exhibit Hall Bingo)	KICC
	7:00 PM	Diocese of Kentucky Night	
	9:00 PM	Compline	Galt House Lily Room
Tuesday, June 25		Breakfast on your own	
"Camp Day" wear your camp or conference center tshirt	7:00 AM	Legislative Committees	KICC
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	KICC
	10:30 AM	Joint Session Presentation of PB Nominees	KICC
	12:15 PM	Meet with the Presiding Bishop	PB Office KICC
	1:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
	2:00 PM	Legislative Session	KICC
	4:00 PM	What's Next - How do we follow up from YAF and GC?	Galt House Lily Room
	5:00 PM	YAF Closing Eucharist	Galt House Lily Room
Wednesday, June 26		Breakfast on your own	
	7:00 AM	Legislative Committees	KICC
	8:30 AM	Eucharist*	KICC
		Check out of Hotel, Departures	

God in the Process

A Quick Orientation Guide for General Convention

Adapted from *God in the Process GC 2003* by Matthew P. Payne

What Is General Convention? It is...

- The primary policy making body of the Episcopal Church. It usually meets every three years to enact legislation and approve the program and budget of The Episcopal Church. It is a confederation of dioceses represented by individuals who are elected to serve.
- A place for people to exhibit their wares related to the ministry and business of the church. The Exhibit Hall will be filled with hundreds of booths selling and giving out stuff, ideas, empowerment, and passion.
- An event where people can demonstrate their viewpoints in a variety of ways, including flyers, pamphlets, marches, songs, and vigils.
- A time of worship for the church. The possibilities to worship together seem almost limitless. There are large worship services that involve everyone as well as small prayer circles.
- A way to learn about others' experiences through organized forums and guest speakers.
- A chance to relax, enjoy good food, hear wonderful music, laugh at ourselves, talk with friends, pray, and sing.

Where is General Convention?

General Convention is in Louisville this year. Because it takes so much effort, and so many resources to host an event of this size once every three years, the General Convention site moves around the country. In 2027 the 82nd General Convention will convene in Phoenix, Arizona. The site for General Convention 2030 will be decided at this General Convention.

Who Is General Convention?

DEPUTIES & ALTERNATE DEPUTIES

General Convention is called to conduct the business of the Church. The people chosen to do this are called Deputies. Each Diocese (also "Area Missions" and the Convocation of Churches in Europe) gets to send no more than four ordained persons (Priests or Deacons) and no more than four Lay Persons. Each Diocese decides how they are chosen. Alternates (in most dioceses) are elected as stand-ins for deputies who might be present for all or part of convention.

BISHOPS

As the Episcopal Church (the word Episcopal means Bishop), General Convention includes Bishops. The "Constitution of the General Convention" lays out which bishops comprise the House of Bishops. Every bishop who is a Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and resigned Bishop have seat and vote in the House of Bishops. (See Article I, Section 2 in the Constitution and Canons.)

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DELEGATES

The Episcopal Church Women hold a meeting at the same time as the business meetings of General Convention. The ECW Triennial was originally created as a parallel to GC at a time when women could not be seated as delegates to GC. There are now all sorts of events connected with the Triennial and this year, they celebrate 50 years!

STAFF

Many people are working at General Convention. Many of the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church take up residence on-site for part or all of convention. The General Convention Office staff are here before, during, and after. Some diocesan staff, congregational staff, and staff of other Church entities are working on site during this time.

PRESS

There are many stories to tell, and a lot of different media outlets send reporters. You may see newspaper reporters, or television crews. The “official” news service for the Episcopal Church is ENS (Episcopal News Service).

EXHIBITORS

Almost 200 groups, businesses, and church organizations will be on hand to give out swag, sell you things, talk to you, show videos and have conversations about their ministry, sign you to hear from them if you are interested, and so many other activities! You could spend hours in the Exhibit Hall and still not see it all!

VOLUNTEERS

General Convention could not happen without volunteers who give of their time and talents to serve convention. Volunteers help with worship, are there to give out information, staff the meeting spaces to help people, and much more.

VISITORS

All others who come to General Convention are called Visitors. Some visit for a few hours, some for a day, some for a few days, and some even for the entire time. General Convention is open to anyone to visit, although they must register to get access to most events. Participants at the Young Adult Festival will be classified as visitors.

A Brief History of General Convention

When the American Revolution began, the Church of England had many congregations in the American Colonies. During the Revolution, some clergy went to Canada, some returned to England, and some stayed to continue the Anglican Church. After the Revolution, a number of Anglican clergy and lay people decided to organize a new American church based on the English model.

Three American bishops were consecrated, but this wasn't easy since you need three bishops to consecrate a new bishop. America started with none. England seemed the best choice for getting someone consecrated bishop, but English law required bishops to swear allegiance to the British crown. The American episcopate began in 1784 when The Rev. Samuel Seabury of Connecticut was consecrated by bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. By 1787 the Archbishop of Canterbury granted a "non-allegiance clause" and Samuel Provoost of New York and William White of Pennsylvania were consecrated in England. Now with three bishops the American church was able to consecrate new bishops on its own.

The first General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America was held at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on July 28, 1789. Its three major achievements were: Unification of Episcopal Dioceses, Authorization of a Book of Common Prayer, and Adoption of a Constitution and Canons.

The Episcopal Church welcomes all who worship Jesus Christ and comprises 108 dioceses and three mission areas in 22 countries or territories. While The Episcopal Church is headquartered in New York City, we are not a national church—we are a multinational denomination. As the only U.S.-based member of the worldwide [Anglican Communion](#), The Episcopal Church is part of the world's third-largest group of Christians and currently has more than [1.4 million members](#).

The Episcopal Church is divided into 9 geographical provinces (referred to as Province I, Province II, etc...). There are 108 dioceses and three mission areas in 22 countries or territories with over 6,000 parishes and missions, 17,000 clergy (Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Active and Retired) and 1.4 million baptized members. General Convention is the one time that representatives of all the varied constituencies of The Episcopal Church gather to discuss the state and future of the Church as a whole.

How Does It All Work?

The “Rules” of the Church

At its most basic level, General Convention exists to make rules that govern the Church. There are three documents that make up what is called “Canon Law,” or the rules of the Church.

1. CONSTITUTION defines structure of church governance; is more difficult to change (takes two General Conventions) is organized by “Articles” (Article IV).
2. CANONS define rules of church; are easier to change (takes one General Convention) are organized by “Title” and “Canons”.
3. RULES OF ORDER define process to follow for Business at General Convention; are easier to change. Even though much more happens at General Convention, these “rules” are the basis of how it functions.

Two Houses

There are two houses at General Convention: the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. Like the U.S. Congress, both Houses must agree on an action for it to be approved. Unlike the U.S. government, there is no President who can veto or Supreme Court that can strike down actions.

THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES is made up of no more than 8 deputies per diocese (clergy and laity). With 108 dioceses, the House of Deputies is over 800 people! The only exception to that is the “Official Youth Presence” which was established by a resolution at General Convention in 1982 and has been further defined at subsequent conventions with legislation passed as recently as 2000. Those selected are limited to no more than two high school youth from each of the Episcopal Church’s nine provinces and are granted seat and voice on the floor of the House of Deputies under the current Rules or Order.

That’s why there are Rules of Order. Without these Rules, it would be hard to get things done. As visitors with the Young Adult Festival, you can watch what goes on but you cannot speak to the House and need to be respectfully quiet when seated in the galleries or either house.

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS is made up of Bishops. If every Bishop were to show up, there would be almost 300 members. At most General Conventions we see around 175 Bishops. One difference between the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies is that the Bishops meet outside of General Convention, but those meetings don’t have the power to make rules for the church. As with the House of Deputies, the proceedings follow strict rules of order and are generally open to visitors.

LEADERSHIP: To keep business in order someone needs to be in charge. There are many people who work to keep things in order, but only two who have authority to call business to order. In the House of Deputies Julia Ayala Harris is the President. In the House of Bishops it is the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. These two are the presiding officers for their respective houses and make sure all viewpoints are brought to debate on the floor.

Resolutions

Congress has “Bills” and General Convention has “Resolutions.” Resolutions begin in different places. Some resolutions make specific recommendations about changing the Constitution or Canons of the church, others ask for the church to take a position on an issue, and some direct other bodies and groups in the church to act in a specific way. Resolutions are coded and numbered based on where they begin and when they are received (i.e. D042 would be the 42nd resolution introduced by deputies).

WHERE RESOLUTIONS COME FROM

“A” resolutions – requests included in reports from bodies created by General Convention

“B” resolutions – from bishops

“C” resolutions – from a diocese or province

“D” resolutions – from deputies

Committees

There are many Legislative Committees at General Convention. The sole responsibility of most committees is to hold hearings and discuss recommendations regarding each of the resolutions referred to them by the Presiding Officers of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. Some committees only have an administrative function. Committees began meeting before convention so they could do some of the work ahead of time.

Although the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops each have their own separate set of Legislative Committees, the cognates (parallel committees in each house) are encouraged to meet together and hold joint hearings on resolutions. Each Legislative Committee must consider every resolution assigned, hold hearings, discuss the proposal with the cognate committee, and develop a recommendation to report to their respective House.

A PLACE WHERE YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD

An important part of committee meetings is that visitors are allowed to speak, or “testify” during hearings. With 25 different committees meeting at General Convention, you still have opportunities to share your perspective. Since the COVID Pandemic the length of General Convention has been shortened and Legislative Committees meet online for the months leading up to General Convention, there are fewer hearings on site. We encourage you to go to hearings with an open mind, an open heart, and a prayerful spirit. You can find a list of when Committees are meeting in the vbinder.net.

WHERE TO GO

Locations and times of all Legislative Committee meetings are posted on the General Convention app. You can find the information under Meetings and Events, Legislative Hearings.

WHEN TO SPEAK

You will need to get to a committee meeting early and sign up, and you are limited to speaking for only a one, two, or three minutes as designated by Committee Chairs. You may not get to speak at all, but this is one place where you can make your voice heard as well as listen to what other people are saying about the given topic. If you go to a committee to speak, it is common courtesy to stay in that committee to hear further discussion.

WHAT TO SAY

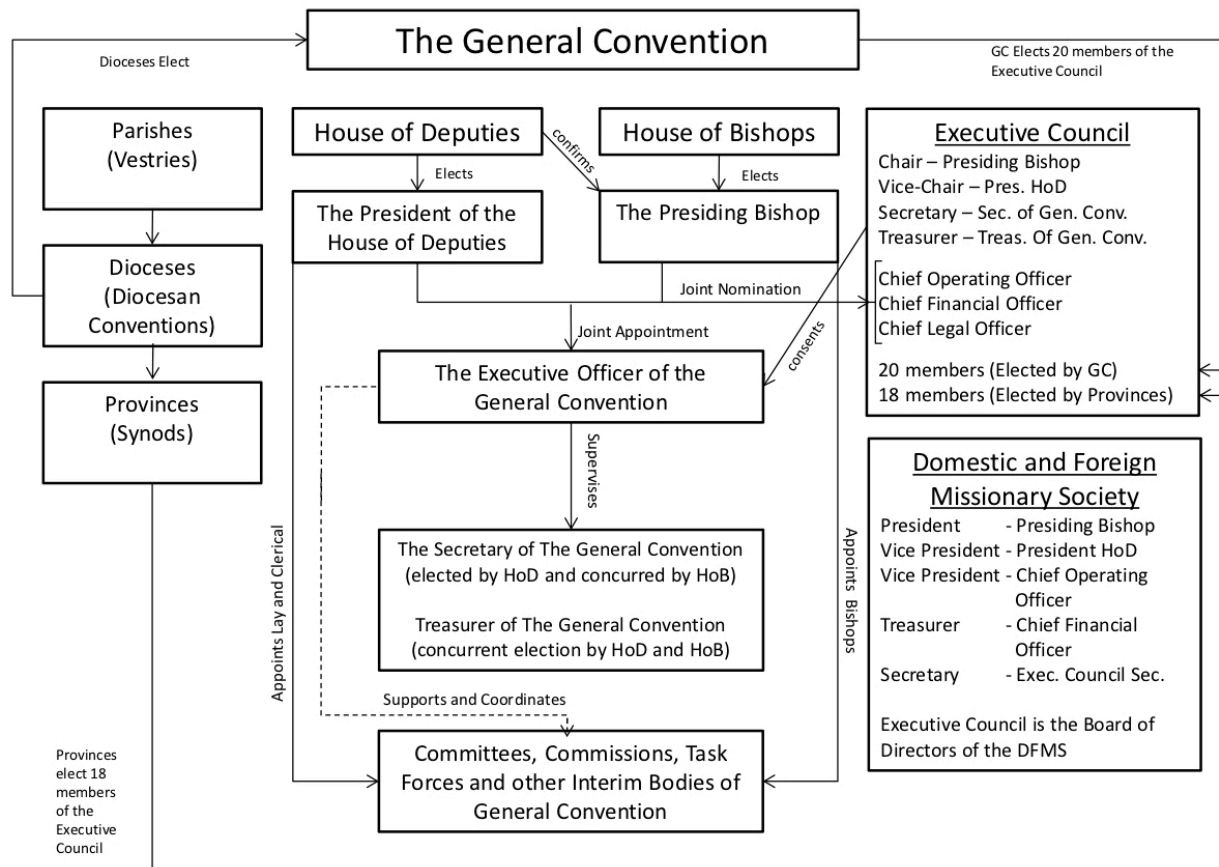
If you are going to speak at a Committee meeting, here are important guidelines to keep in mind:

- Speak in “I” statements and not on behalf of others or whole groups of people.
- Don’t speak if someone else has said what you wanted to say.
- Speak when you have passion for the issue. Don’t speak to hear yourself.
- Have prepared remarks and if you have time, run them by a trusted colleague or peer.
- Don’t start until called on and abide by the time limits set by the committee.

Legislative Committees of General Convention

01 - Rules of Order	14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations
02 - Constitution & Canons	15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation
03 - Governance & Structure	16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health
04 - World Mission	17 - Accessibility & Inclusion
05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing	18 - Title IV: Disciplinary Canons
06 - Social Justice & International Policy	19 - Title: Ill Ministry
07 - Social Justice & United States Policy	20 - Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop
08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives	21 - Dispatch of Business
09 - Evangelism & the Future Church	22 - Certification of Minutes
10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music	23 - Privilege & Courtesy
11 - Formation & Discipleship	24 - Credentials
12 - Agencies & Boards	25 - Resolution Review Committee
13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing	

A Little Bit More About Mechanics



The Simple Process

Every legislative process has four simple steps. Even if you don't know the "ins and outs" of parliamentary procedure or Robert's Rules of Order, you can still follow the process.

MOTION: A formal proposal that the assembly take certain action. Usually a "motion" at General Convention is a Resolution, but sometimes there are other motions like "Amend the Motion", "End Debate," or "Send to Committee." You may often hear the motion for "Previous Question" which, if passed, effectively ends debate.

SECOND: An indication that there is at least one person besides the mover that is interested in seeing the motion come before the meeting. It does not necessarily indicate that the seconder favors the motion, just that they think it is important to talk about it.

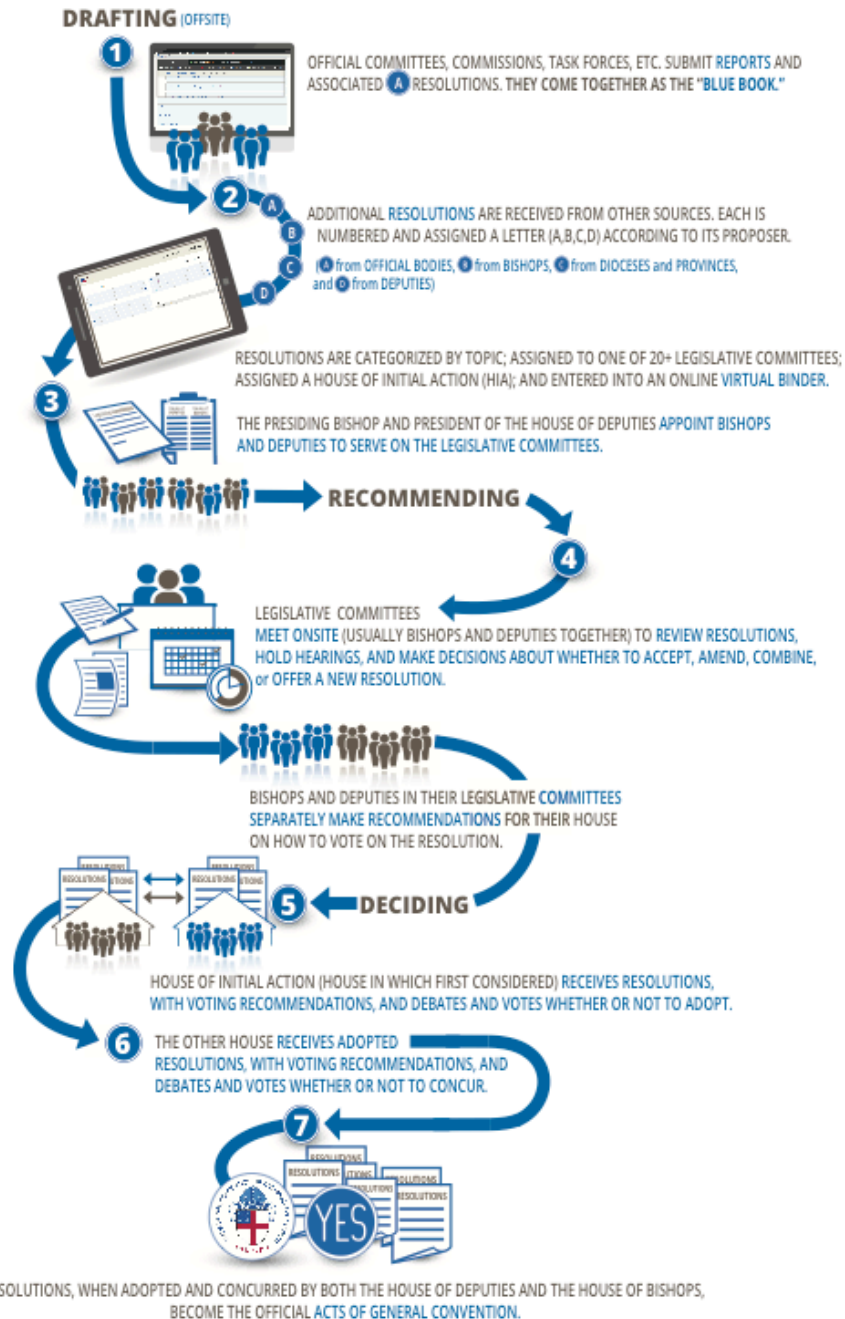
DEBATE: An opportunity for members to talk about what they think of the motion. This usually takes the most time. Some motions don't have discussion, they just go to the last step.

VOTE: A point comes when a decision is made. Most votes are by majority (more than half the votes cast), and some need a two-thirds vote (at least two-thirds of the votes cast). The votes are tabulated by electronic counters. Sometimes in the House of Deputies there are votes "By Orders", which means that a majority of the deputation of Clergy and a majority of the deputation of Laity must be in favor for a resolution to pass.



HOW RESOLUTIONS MOVE THROUGH GENERAL CONVENTION

When our bishops and deputies (elected lay persons, priests, and deacons) gather at General Convention they pray, worship, and take counsel together through a legislative process. The legislative process begins when resolutions are proposed by authorized committees, commissions, and task forces that meet between sessions of General Convention, and by Deputies, Bishops, Provinces, or Dioceses of The Episcopal Church.



Courtesy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Executive Council

CANON I.4.1 CANON 4: Of the Executive Council Sec. I There shall be an Executive Council of the General Convention (which Council shall generally be called simply the Executive Council, or the Council) whose duty it shall be to oversee the execution of the program and policies adopted by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall have oversight of the work done by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in its capacity as its Board of Directors. The Council shall have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the funds and other property of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in accordance with the provisions of this Canon and the resolutions, orders, and budgets adopted or approved by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall also have oversight responsibility for the work of the Office of General Convention and the Executive Officer of General Convention who shall report directly to the Executive Council. It shall also have oversight responsibility for the disposition of the moneys of the Office of General Convention. The Council shall adopt procedures it deems appropriate for approval of expenditures by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Office of General Convention.

