

**The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and
Finance
(1994-1997)**

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The Rev. Susan C. Skinner (Missouri)
The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith (Connecticut) replaced
 The Rt. Rev. Edward C. Chalfant (Maine)
The Rt. Rev. Cabell Tennis (Delaware)
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The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies appointed the Rt. Rev. Cabell Tennis, the Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Russell Palmore, and Vincent Currie, Jr. to be a Nominating Committee to propose officers and the Executive Committee for the Triennium. This group met by conference call on February 9, 1995 and adopted a proposed slate of officers and section chairs, which was subsequently approved by mail poll of the entire PB&F Committee, as follows:

Chair:	Mr. Currie
Vice Chair:	Ms. Anderson
Secretary:	Bishop Wimberly
Corporate/Canonical Section:	Bishop Tennis
Funding Section:	Mr. Palmore
Program Section:	Ms. Christie
Presentation Section:	The Rev. Ms. Skinner

The Executive Committee, which also serves as the Funding Section, was composed of the following members: Ms. Anderson, Bishop Bowman, Ms. Christie, Mr. Currie, Mr. Palmore, the Rev. Ms. Skinner, Bishop Tennis, and Bishop Wimberly.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

Generally

In this triennium, the Program, Budget and Finance Committee's chief concern, both during executive and full sessions, was to address the funding formula approved by the 71st General Convention. Realizing that this triennium was transitional in the life of a new system, evaluations of the formula were necessary in light of current trends in funding. However, frequent interface with the Standing Committee on Administration & Finance of the Executive Council and with staff in the treasurer's office at the Episcopal Church Center precluded any need for hearings on funding. The ongoing listening process via the Linkage Program at the Episcopal Church Center provided valuable information from dioceses, as did the data compiled by Joe Siphron, a part-time consultant in the treasurer's office who has spoken personally, at least once, to each diocese on this subject during the triennium.

The Committee acknowledged that changes in the funding and budget formulas had created inconsistencies in the Canons and the Joint Rules of Order, so considerable time was spent making changes in both areas to comply with actual practices.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met May 15, 1995, September 10, 1995 (by conference call), October 10-12, 1995, March 14, 1996 (by conference call), May 9-11, 1996, and October 21, 1996 (by conference call). In addition, the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Ms. Christie met on November 13-14, 1996 in a special session focused on additions and amendments to the Canons and Joint Rules of Order. A joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Administration & Finance of the Executive Council took place at the Episcopal Church Center on January 7 and 8, 1997.

The May 15, 1995 meeting at the Episcopal Church Center dealt with issues around funding the Budget for the Episcopal Church, especially considering the impact of the revealed malfeasance by the treasurer over a five-year period, which extended into the triennium. Joe Siphron was introduced. A retired attorney with a special interest in fund raising, he was retained as a special, part-time consultant in the treasurer's office. His work, two days a week, was to contact the dioceses to discuss funding as it is experienced in each location across the church. By the end of 1996, Mr. Siphron had spoken personally with each diocesan bishop, whom he considers the 'natural, chief fund raiser in the diocese,' as well as most diocesan financial officers, in order to lay the foundation for increased, productive communication between the dioceses and the Episcopal Church Center. PB&F is indeed indebted to Mr. Siphron for his work and expresses its grateful appreciation. It is strongly recommended that this effort be continued in the future.

Acknowledging the transitional and trial nature of the new funding formula in this triennium, specifically the vagaries applied to various interpretations of the covenant range, the Committee explored various methods of encouraging diocesan bishops to make funding the Budget for the Episcopal Church a high priority. Among the deliberations was awareness of the oversight responsibilities PB&F has to monitor and maintain a balanced budget. The importance of close communication with the Standing Committee on Administration & Finance of the Executive Council prompted the Chair's attendance at most A&F meetings throughout the triennium.

In October, 1995, the Executive Committee met in Minneapolis during a joint Interim Body gathering designed, primarily, for participation in the agenda of the Committee on Structure. Funding became the prime focus, as the potential \$2.3 million shortfall was recognized for the 1995 financial year and the budget was adjusted accordingly. The Committee recommended:

- increasing the trust fund income payout to 5.5%;
- identifying unspent line items where cuts could be made, and shared, for 1995: \$600,000 from Program, \$100,000 from Administration and Finance, and \$250,000 from Interim Bodies; and
- no carry-over of unspent 1995 line item funds into the same line item for the 1996 budget.

For the 1996 budget a list of recommendations was provided to the Standing Committee on Administration & Finance for their consideration, including:

- maintain a 5.5% payout from trust fund income;
- report staff travel expenses quarterly and fully implement travel policy;
- hold House of Deputies line item at the 1995 adjusted budgetary level; and
- alterations in budget presentation to reflect budget as adjusted and how restricted income and expense items appear.

The March 14, 1996 conference call centered on the agenda for the orientation and business to be addressed at the Bishop Mason Conference Center in Flower Mound, Texas, in May. To that end, draft revisions to the Joint Rules of Order were reviewed, along with Audit Committee Meeting notes, and Joe Siphron's report on the status of 1995 diocesan commitments and initial projections for 1996 and 1997.

With the attendance of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, Bishop McNutt, and the financial officers of the church, the meeting of the Executive Committee in

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Flower Mound on May 9, 1996 took place immediately prior to the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to put the finishing touches on the agenda for the next few days. It was agreed by consensus to recommend to the whole committee and to the Standing Committee on Administration & Finance that the unified budget, with funding based on a percentage of diocesan income, continue at least for another triennium. This time, however, the askings would be based on a single percentage recommended by the Treasurer and his staff and ratified by a vote of the whole committee.

The Executive Committee recognized that instituting the General Convention unified budget had created inconsistencies with some of the Canons and Joint Rules of Order, so time was spent at Flower Mound and at the November 13-14 meeting in New York trying to make what we say we do consistent with what we actually do. The Chair appointed Committee representatives to work with A&F, Executive Council, and Constitutions & Canons to effect those changes. The resulting resolutions presented to the General Convention reflect changes to the Canons and Rules which comply with actual practices.

At the January 7 and 8, 1997 meeting, the Executive Committee and the Executive Council Standing Committee on Administration & Finance (A&F) primarily discussed budget funding and expense for the next triennium. After much discussion, it was agreed that A&F would recommend to the Executive Council, at their next regularly scheduled meeting, that a task group be formed consisting of member(s) from A&F, PB&F, and Program & Planning. The charge to this task group, if formed, would be to identify systemic issues that are manifested in the current funding of the budget and to present these issues to the General Convention with the recommendation that they be studied and addressed in the next triennium.

The Executive Committee also authorized the development of a position paper to put into the hands of the bishops, making a strong statement about covenant commitments. It will be asked that the statement be made available at the House of Bishops meeting in Kanuga, with requests for dialogue at the PB&F meeting which follows the House of Bishops meeting. It was agreed that the bishops from each province on the PB&F Committee need to take an initiative to poll and energize their colleagues regarding this major stewardship effort.

Committee of the Whole

The entire Committee met May 9-11, 1996, and will meet in Kanuga March 9-11, 1997.

The May meeting in Flower Mound served as an orientation for new members of the Committee. The Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, the Secretary of the General Convention, and the Senior Executive for Program made presentations to demonstrate the various areas of PB&F oversight, how they relate to one another, and how they impact the budget. Catherine Lynch, the Assistant Treasurer, introduced a way of doing budget development which is new to the Society, involving more staff in ownership and responsibility in the process. Diane Porter, the Senior Executive for Program, offered an overview of program activities past, present, and future, emphasizing the value of the ongoing listening process in discerning areas needing program support.

Upon the recommendation of the Funding Section, the Program, Budget and Finance Committee adopted the resolution:

That funding continue as a single asking based on diocesan income to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church, including program, corporate, and canonical work.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Program, Budget and Finance Committee received and approved changes to the Canons and Joint Rules of Order which nullify the inconsistencies brought about by the new funding and budget resolutions.

Funding Section

With Joe Siphron's help, a church-wide Funding Policy Survey was conducted. 97 of 100 dioceses reported. About half have a "mandatory or expected" funding system; about one-quarter have a "voluntary, but with an expected minimum" system, which seems fairly similar in effect to a "mandatory or expected" funding system; eleven have a "voluntary" system (versus 16 of 81 reporting dioceses in a similar 1993 survey); and about 10% have some "other" type of system, most of which are part "mandatory" and part "voluntary." About 70% of the dioceses indicated that their present funding system has been in effect for at least five years. About 20% reported systems in effect for less than five years and the balance appeared uncertain as to the duration of their system.

Having ascertained all that, it was acknowledged that funding to the dioceses has not decreased, while funding for the national church budget continues to imply a continually downward trend. It was agreed within the Joint Standing Committee that it is necessary for the dioceses to assume a more vigorous role in supporting the church and that when the money runs out, we are honored to keep only the covenant with the structure which makes us the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

During an October, 1996 conference call, with participation and guidance from the Treasurer's Office at the Episcopal Church Center, the Executive Committee voted 6-4 to fund the 1998-2000 budget based on a 20% asking from diocesan income. The diocesan income base would include all income from congregations to the diocese, all income from endowments which is unrestricted, and that part of restricted endowment income which is applied to the operating budget. The basis will be two year-old income.

Audit Section

The Executive Council assumed a more active role in the audit process throughout the triennium. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance sat on the Audit Committee, in compliance with existing Joint Rule II.10(b).

A new outside auditing firm was selected for the Society in 1995. The team from Arthur Andersen and Company presented, and the Executive Council accepted, the audited financial statements for the 1995 financial year. They have begun work on the 1996 audit.

Since Audit is no longer a primary function of PB&F, the Joint Standing Committee proposes an amendment to the Joint Rule which provides that two members of the Joint Standing Committee on PB&F shall be appointed by the Chair of PB&F to the Audit Committee of the Executive

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Council. It will remain the responsibility of Program, Budget and Finance to report the audit to the General Convention.

Presentation Section

In an effort to get into the process earlier in the triennium rather than later, Presentation received recommendations at Flower Mound from the Program Section to include, among other items, budgetary changes and trust funds activity in the budget document. Hopefully, the Presentation Section will be involved in the budget explanation as we prepare for this General Convention, thereby assuring greater clarity in the final budget document.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1995-97 TRIENNIUM

	1995	1996	1997
<i>Income</i>			
Budget	\$27,040	\$45,303	\$52,657
<i>Expenses</i>	\$10,242	\$17,068	\$52,657 *

* proposed

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

	1998	1999	2000
Budget	\$18,500	\$40,500	\$61,000

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution A114 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance Budget Appropriation

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That \$120,000 be appropriated for the work of the
- 2 Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance for the 1998-2000 triennium.

Resolution A115 Amend Joint Rules of Order pertaining to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Joint Rules of Order II, 10 (Joint Standing
- 2 Committee on Program, Budget and Finance) be amended as follows:
- 3 10. [(a) No Change]
- 4 (b) Organization. The Joint Standing Committee shall elect its Chairman *Chair* from its
- 5 membership, and such other officers as may be needed.
- 6 The Joint Standing Committee shall be organized in Sections, which shall include a *Program*,
- 7 *Canonical*, and *Corporate* Sections as well as Sections on *Funding and Presentation*, ~~on the~~
- 8 ~~Expenses of the General Convention, a Section on the General Church Program, a Section on~~
- 9 ~~Funding and a Section on Audit~~; the size and composition of the several Sections to be determined
- 10 by the Joint Standing Committee.

11 *The Chairs of each Section shall be elected by the Joint Standing Committee; The the several*
12 *Sections shall elect their own Chairmen and Secretaries from among their own membership.*

13 [Next paragraph - No Change.]

14 [(c) First paragraph - No Change.]

15 [Second paragraph:] Meetings of the Joint Standing committee shall be called by the Chairman
16 *Chair*, or upon the request of any five members thereof.

17 [Third paragraph:] In respect of the Budget for the General Convention *Episcopal Church*, the
18 Joint Standing Committee shall have the power to consider, and either by a vote by mail, or in
19 meeting assembled, to make such adjustments therein, or additions thereto, as it shall deem to be
20 necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgment, available funds and anticipated income will
21 warrant; and, ~~to that end~~, it shall likewise have the power to adjust the annual assessments
22 *askings* of Dioceses and ~~missionary dioceses~~ within the limit established by the General
23 Convention.

24 [Fourth paragraph:] With regard to the General Church Program, the Joint Standing Committee
25 shall:

26 (i) Meet and consult with the Executive Council, or its ~~Executive Administration and Finance~~
27 *Committee*, on adjustments to the ~~P~~program priorities, and on alternate ~~income~~*generating income*
28 *generating resources*;

29 [(ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) - No Change]

30 (d) Not later than the third day prior to the adjournment of each regular meeting of the General
31 Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall report ~~(1) to the House of Deputies a proposed~~
32 ~~Budget for the General Church Program for the ensuing Convention period; and (2) to a Joint~~
33 ~~Session, pursuant to Canon, a proposed Budget for the General Church Program~~ *Episcopal*
34 *Church* for the ensuing Convention period, subject to the approval of the said Budgets as a whole,
35 respectively, and subject, also, ~~to increase or reduction or the elimination of items, or the addition~~
36 ~~of items~~ *subject also to increase, reduction, or elimination of items, based on open hearings held*
37 *during the General Convention* and by subsequent concurrent action ~~of the General Convention by~~
38 *the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.*

39 11. ~~There shall be, as part of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, a~~
40 ~~section on Audit, organized by the Joint Standing Committee at its first meeting following the~~
41 ~~General Convention, to direct periodic audits of the accounts of the Treasurer of the General~~
42 ~~Convention and the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Council, and to serve as an~~
43 ~~Advisory committee to the respective Treasurers. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee~~
44 ~~shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and~~
45 ~~Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee shall report~~
46 ~~annually to the Joint Standing Committee, which shall report to the General Convention.~~

Explanation

This amendment provides inclusive language by using the word *Chair*. It organizes the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance to reflect a unified budget, divided into Corporate, Canonical, and Program sections. It also provides that budget be referred to as *The Budget for the Episcopal Church*. It also changes the term assessments to *askings*. It provides for Joint Standing Committee's participation in the Audit Committee of the Executive Council.

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Resolution A116 Amend Joint Rules of Order pertaining to Supplemental Money Bills

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Joint Rules of Order IV, 15 (Supplemental
2 Money Bills) be amended as follows:
3 15. Whenever, in either House, after the adoption of the ~~General Church Program Budget and the~~
4 ~~General Convention Expense Budget~~ *Budget for the Episcopal Church*, a Resolution is
5 introduced calling for the expenditure of any moneys, (or containing implied funding), it shall be
6 referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance for consideration and
7 recommendation *back to the General Convention, or to the Executive Council if the General*
8 *Convention fails to act.*

Explanation

This resolution provides for supplemental money bills at the end of General Convention to be referred to the Executive Council if the General Convention fails to act.

Resolution A117 Amend Canon I.1.7: Treasurer's Duties

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I, Section 7 be amended as follows:
2 Sec. 7(a). At every regular meeting of the General Convention a Treasurer (*who may also be*
3 *Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council*) shall be
4 elected by concurrent action of the two Houses, and shall remain in office until a successor shall
5 be elected. It shall be the Treasurer's duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the
6 authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be
7 prescribed; and, with the advice and approval of the Presiding Bishop and the Treasurer, to
8 invest, from time to time, such surplus funds as may be on hand. The Treasurer's account shall be
9 rendered to the Convention at each regular meeting, and shall be audited at the direction of a
10 committee acting under its authority.
11 [(b) No Change]

Explanation

This amendment provides consistency with a unified budget by allowing the Treasurer of the General Convention also to be Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Council.

Resolution A118 Delete Canon I.1.8: Assessment for General Convention Expense Budget

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I, Section 8 be deleted:
2 ~~Sec. 8. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget to provide for the~~
3 ~~contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with~~
4 ~~the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of~~
5 ~~Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the~~
6 ~~duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund~~
7 ~~assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the~~
8 ~~Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the Convention shall adopt as part of~~
9 ~~this Expense Budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to forward to the Treasurer~~
10 ~~of the General Convention annually, on the first Monday of January, the amount of the assessment~~
11 ~~levied upon that Diocese.~~

Explanation

This section is no longer necessary since provisions for the unified Budget for the Episcopal Church and a funding system are made in Canon 4, Section 6.

Resolution A119 Amend Canon I.1.9: What Treasurer May Borrow

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I, Section 9 be amended as follows:
2 Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall have authority to borrow, in behalf and in the name of the General
3 Convention, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop *and the Executive Council*, such a sum, ~~not~~
4 ~~exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars per annum~~, as may be judged by the Treasurer to be
5 necessary to help defray the expenses of the General Convention; ~~Provided, that the total amount~~
6 ~~of the indebtedness authorized in this Section shall at no time exceed fifty thousand dollars.~~

Explanation

This amendment includes the Executive Council in the process of borrowing for the General Convention and leaves to the Treasurer's discretion, along with the Presiding Bishop and the Council, the amount necessary to borrow.

Resolution A120 Delete Canon I.1.11: Separate Budget Proposal for General Convention

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I, Section 11 be deleted:
2 ~~Sec. 11. The Treasurer shall submit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof a~~
3 ~~detailed budget in which the Treasurer proposes to request appropriations for the ensuing~~
4 ~~budgetary period and shall have power to expend all sums of money covered by this budget,~~
5 ~~subject to such provisions of the Canons as shall be applicable.~~

Explanation

This section is no longer necessary since provisions for the unified Budget for the Episcopal Church and a funding system are made in Canon 4, Section 6.

Resolution A121 Amend Canon I.1.13: Remove Treasurer from General Convention Executive Office

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I, Section 13 be amended as follows:
2 Sec. 13. There shall be an Executive Office of the General Convention, to be headed by a General
3 Convention Executive Officer ~~to be appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and the President of~~
4 ~~the House of Deputies. The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the~~
5 ~~functions of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager~~
6 ~~of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such~~
7 ~~officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer,~~
8 ~~who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies~~
9 ~~funded by the General Convention Expense Budget for the Episcopal Church.~~

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Explanation

This amendment assumes the Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society will also be the Treasurer of the General Convention.

Resolution A122 Amend Canon I.4.6: Combine General Convention and Program Budgets

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon 4, Section 6 be amended as follows:
2 Sec. 6 (a) *The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session*
3 *thereof a program the Budget for the Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which*
4 *budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between regular meetings of the General*
5 *Convention. The program so submitted shall include a detailed budget of that part of the program*
6 *for which it proposes to make appropriations for the ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the*
7 *succeeding portion of the budgetary period.*
8 (b) *The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and*
9 *Corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the*
10 *stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary*
11 *expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council*
12 *required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the president's office,*
13 *and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for*
14 *the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices. After the*
15 *preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the sessions of*
16 *the General Convention, transmit to the Bishop of each Diocese and to the President of each*
17 *Province a statement of the existing and the proposed appropriations for all items in the budget.*
18 *The Executive Council shall also submit to the General Convention with the budget a plan for the*
19 *apportionment to the respective Dioceses of the sum needed to execute the program.*
20 (c) *The budget proposed for adoption by the General Convention shall include provision for*
21 *support for the Program of the Episcopal Church. The program so submitted shall include a*
22 *detailed budget of that part of the program for which it proposes to make appropriations for the*
23 *ensuing year, and estimated budgets for the succeeding portion of the budgetary period.*
24 (d) *Revenue to support the Budget for the Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a*
25 *single asking of the dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention*
26 *shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget and Finance process. If in any year the total*
27 *anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget*
28 *approved by the General Convention, the canonical and corporate portion of the Budget for the*
29 *Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any*
30 *decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget.*
31 (e) *After the preparation of the budget the Executive Council shall, at least four months before the*
32 *sessions of the General Convention, transmit to the bishop of each diocese and to the president of*
33 *each province a statement of the existing and the proposed askings necessary to support the*
34 *Budget for the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council shall also submit to the General*
35 *Convention, with the budget, a plan for the askings of the respective dioceses of the sum needed*
36 *to execute the budget.*
37 (b). (f) *There shall be joint sessions of the two Houses for the presentation of such program the*
38 *Budget for the Episcopal Church; and thereafter consideration shall be given and appropriate*
39 *action taken thereon by the General Convention. The Council shall have the power to expend all*
40 *sums of money covered by the budget and estimated budgets approved by the Convention, subject*

41 to such restrictions as may be imposed by the General Convention, *including but not limited to*
42 *the priority declaration set forth in Section 6(d) of this Canon.* It shall also have power to
43 undertake such other work provided for in the ~~program budget~~ approved by the General
44 Convention, or other work under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have
45 arisen after the action of the General Convention, as in the judgment of the Council its income
46 will warrant.

47 ~~-(e) (g) Upon the adoption by the General Convention of a program and plan of apportionment~~
48 *Budget for the Episcopal Church and the planned askings* for the budgetary period, the Council
49 shall formally advise each Diocese with respect to its ~~proportionate part of the estimated~~
50 ~~expenditure involved in the execution of the program in accordance with the plan of~~
51 ~~apportionment adopted by the General Convention. Such objectives shall be determined by the~~
52 ~~Council upon an equitable basis. of its share of the total askings to support the Budget for the~~
53 *Episcopal Church.*

54 ~~-(d) (h) Each Diocese shall thereupon notify each Parish and Mission of the amount of the~~
55 ~~objective allotted to the asking of such Diocese, and the amount of such objective to be raised by~~
56 ~~each Parish or Mission. Each Diocese shall present to each Parish and Mission a total objective~~
57 ~~which shall include both its share of the proposed Diocesan Budget and its share of the objective~~
58 ~~apportioned to asking of the Diocese by the Executive Council in accordance with the plan~~
59 ~~adopted by the General Convention.~~

60 ~~-(e) (i) The Executive Council shall approve a standard form for use in Dioceses, for the purpose~~
61 ~~of showing receipts and the distribution of receipts for all purposes. Each Diocese shall annually~~
62 ~~report to the Executive Council all receipts and the distribution of such receipts on the standard~~
63 ~~form.~~

Explanation

This amendment provides for the unified Budget for the Episcopal Church, its component parts (Canonical, Corporate, and Program), and a funding system to support such budget.