

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM, BUDGET AND FINANCE

Membership

The Rev. Canon Mally Ewing Lloyd, *Chair*, 2015
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The Rt. Rev. David Álvarez, 2015
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The Rev. Patty Downing, 2015
The Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton, 2015
The Rev. Canon Mike Ehmer, 2015
The Rev. Canon John Floberg, 2015
The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, 2015
Mr. Samuel Gould, 2015
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The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, 2015
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The Rt. Rev. Rayford Ray, 2015
The Rev. Canon Jose Francisco Salazar, 2015
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The Rt. Rev. Terry White, 2015
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Mrs. Nancy Caparulo, *Staff*
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Mr. Patrick Haizel, *Staff*

The Committee's membership is composed of three representatives from each province — two deputies and one bishop, appointed by the Presidents of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

Changes in Membership

Deputies William Coyne, Juan Rosario de la Cruz, Mark Harris, Noreen Duncan, Alan James, Ward Simpson, Jim Liggett and Frederica Thompsett were replaced by Deputies Sam Gould, Jose Francisco Salazar, Patty

Downing, Michael Spencer, John Floberg, Mike Ehmer, and Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine. Bishop Susan Goff replaced Bishop James Shand.

Summary of Work

Mandate: The Canonical responsibilities of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F) are found in Canon I.1.2(m) and Canon 1.4.6, and are to:

- recommend funding and spending policies to each General Convention for the succeeding triennium, i.e. mission (program) expense and budgets;
- present a balanced budget for The Episcopal Church in which income is equal to proposed expenditures each year; and
- to act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the General Convention and the Executive Council.

Other mandates are found in Rule II of the Joint Rules of Order, as found in the Constitution & Canons.

The Details and Commentary section of the 2013-2015 Budget of The Episcopal Church, adopted by General Convention on July 11, 2012, included the following:

The current budget-planning process is complicated and takes place in a compressed timeframe. In addition, the shorter length of this General Convention required that we complete the budget within 36 hours of our final hearing. Many resolutions regarding funding have still to be considered by the Convention as we send this budget to press.

We wish to reiterate our desire for an ongoing budget process that takes place throughout the triennium and involves the Executive Council, the COO and staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance. We urge the Executive Council to commence this new process as soon as possible. We believe it will be especially important if a substantial reduction in the asking is contemplated for future budgets.

Meetings

From the outset of its work during the triennium, the Executive Council, particularly the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission (FFM) sought to address the concerns raised regarding process during the last triennium. To this end, they asked that at least one person from JSCP&F be present at each Executive Council Meeting and be included in the ongoing work of budget preparation directed by the Subcommittee on the Budget Process of FFM, chaired by Susan Snook.

Deputy Mally Lloyd was present at the Executive Council Meeting held February 25-27, 2013; Deputy Douglas Sparks was present at the Executive Council Meeting held October 15-17, 2013; Deputy Mally Lloyd was present at the Executive Council Meeting held February 5-8, 2014; Deputies Ehmer, Lloyd, Racusin, and Sparks, Bishop Lane, and PHOD representative Steve Smith were present throughout the Executive Council Meeting June 10-12; and Deputy Mike Ehmer was present at the Executive Council meeting October 24-27, 2014.

The FFM subcommittee adopted a framework and timeline for budget preparation in June 2013 that outlined a thorough process for preparation and input from the wider Church, which concluded in December 2014.

The Committee met face-to-face for the first time at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland on October 27-29, 2014. Prior to this meeting, the Committee had communicated via the extranet, and had nominated and elected the leadership of the Committee. Section chairs and members of sections had also been identified.

The major focus of the October meeting was the orientation of the members of the Committee, 19 of whom were new appointees. The meeting focused on tutorial presentations that outlined the various sections of the Five Marks of Mission budget adopted in July 2012: Corporate/ Canonical, Program, Funding, and Presentation. Representatives from staff and others presented historical information on the operation of the budget, what it contained, and what is required.

The Committee's work takes place primarily at the General Convention; however, the budget process calls for the draft budget from the Executive Council to be transmitted to the Committee no later than four months before the General Convention.

The Executive Council met January 9-11, 2015, at which time the draft budget was approved by Executive Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission. Deputy Mally Lloyd attended the Executive Council meeting on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance. The draft budget was transmitted to PB&F in time for its meeting February 23-25, 2015, when the Committee was scheduled to meet for a second time.

Since the Committee received the draft document, it has continued to devote its time prior to the General Convention to reviewing and posing questions of a clarifying nature in learning more about the specific items contained in the budget, as well as to preparing a presentation on the draft budget for use at Provincial Gatherings in preparation for General Convention in Salt Lake in June 2015.

The General Convention Office, at the request of the Committee, provides the *draft* budget for The Episcopal Church to all deputies and bishops in a format that clearly demonstrates that it is a *work in progress*. Following the open hearings and resolutions from legislative committees at General Convention, final work on the budget will take place. The budget will be presented to a Joint Session of the Houses at 2:15 pm on Wednesday, July 1, with the vote to accept the proposed budget scheduled for the following day.