

Resolution to Amend Diocesan Canons
Canon 15 Funding of Diocesan Budget
Proposers: The Canons Committee of the Diocese of Montana

Be it Resolved that Section 5 is added to Canon 15.

Section 5. The Funding of General Convention Deputies, the Lambeth Conference and the Search Process, Election, Transition and Consecration of a Bishop. There shall be permanent revolving accounts for the adequate funding of Deputies attending the General Convention, the Bishop Diocesan attending Lambeth Conference, and the Search Process, Election, Transition and Consecration of a Bishop.

Fiscal Note: It is substantial. The funding of General Convention for eight deputies can run as high as \$24,000. Lambeth can be similarly expensive. And the entire process of obtaining a new bishop can currently run as much or over \$160,000. While it is unreasonable to assume that the 2018 budget can add \$200,000 at once, it should be a very high priority of the Diocesan Council to see this total funding as part of the regular budget process as quickly as is possible to be in compliance with this canon.