

GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE GENERAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Bishop Dinner – the House of Bishops dines together this night.

Deputy Certification – to be admitted to the floor of the House of Deputies, Deputies must have name tags that affirm their status. When deputies ask alternate deputies to sit for them, they both must go to Certification to switch name tags.

Dispatch – Each house of General Convention has a Committee on Dispatch of Business that schedules legislation to come before it.

ECW Event – The Episcopal Church Women hold their triennial meeting at the same time as General Convention. They invite all participants to a festive event each Convention.

Eucharist and Scripture Reflection – Each morning there is a service of Holy Eucharist. Table discussions reflect the theme of the day and topic of the homily. All bishops, deputies, delegates to the Episcopal Church Women Triennial and registered alternates are assigned to table for Scripture Reflection. Registered guests may sit at any table, if there are unoccupied chairs.

Exhibits – Vendors and organizations from within and outside the church offer services and goods for sale and solicit membership from conventioners.

HB Election – Following the Sunday morning Eucharist, the House of Bishops will meet off-site to vote for the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The House of Deputies will receive their nomination and vote to confirm (or not to confirm) him or her.

Hearing – Each piece of legislation must have a public hearing. The time and place of hearings is posted in the front of the houses and available on-line on the General Convention website. All registered bishops, deputies, alternates and guests may attend and testify at hearings.

Jt Session – When the House of Bishops meets with the House of Deputies, it is called a Joint Session. Two joint sessions are planned for the 75th General Convention: Nomination of the Presiding Bishop and Presentation of the Budget.

Legislative Committees – Resolutions are assigned to Legislative Committees, which schedule hearings, combine like resolutions and recommend adoption, rejection, concurrence or discharge.

P.B. – Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev'd Frank T. Griswold.

PB Forum – This will be Presiding Bishop Griswold's last General Convention as Primate. This time is set aside to celebrate his ministry.

PB&F – The Joint Committee on Program, Budget & Finance. All legislation with funding implications is reviewed by this committee, which proposes a budget to a Joint Session of the Houses.

Pres HD – President of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev'd George L. W. Werner.

Resolution Filing Deadline – All resolutions must be received by the General Convention Secretariat no later than the end of the second legislative day, Wednesday, 14 June. Earlier filing of resolutions ensures that Legislative Committees have time to hold hearings and move legislation forward.

Secretariat – Each house of General Convention and the Convention as a whole has an administrative office whose duties include processing and tracking legislation, creating minutes, scheduling meetings....

Seminary Dinners – the accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church may each hold a dinner for their alumni/ae and friends.

Sine Die – Latin for “without time.” Each House will be adjourned without setting a time to reconvene. Legislation that fails to pass both houses in identical language is not enacted.

Special Order – A specific time set aside for a particular reason: consideration of an important matter, the receiving of a guest, the honoring of a member of Convention.

UTO In-Gathering – Representatives of the church's dioceses bring forward gifts that symbolize their dioceses' giving to the United Thank Offering. This festival service is the liturgical highlight of each Convention.

Volunteer Supervisors assist in organizing and training the volunteers who help at General Convention.