

RESOLUTION I

Resolution to the 48TH Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Submitted by Scott Remington, Diocesan Florida Chancellor and Chair of the Bishop's Study
Committee; as directed by the 47th Diocesan Convention.

Vocational Deacon's having vote at Diocesan Convention

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this 48th Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast amend Canon 3, Sections 4 and 8 to read:

Section 4. The voting membership of the convention shall consist of:

- a. Clerical Delegates, each of whom shall be either a priest canonically resident in the Diocese, and who is Rector or Curate or Priest-in-Charge in a parish, or Vicar of a mission, or who is on the staff of the Diocese or an Agency of the Diocese; or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese who has retired in accordance with the General Canons and who serves in one of the aforesaid positions with the express approval of the Bishop according to the General Canons; or a ~~Transitional~~ Deacon assigned by the Ecclesiastical Authority to a parish or mission or an Agency of the Diocese; and

Section 8. All Officers of the diocese, all clergy canonically resident in the Diocese but not entitled to vote in Convention, ~~all Vocational Deacons~~, and youth representatives as may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be entitled to Seat and Voice in the Convention but no vote, unless otherwise qualified. The Convention may grant the Privileges of the Floor, including Seat and Voice, to visiting clergy and others, including clergy serving in the diocese but not canonically resident. No Diocesan employee shall be eligible for election as a General Officer of the Diocese.

EXPLANATION: This resolution is submitted in response to the 47th Diocesan Convention adopting a resolution for a study committee to be appointed by the Bishop, to develop and submit a resolution to the 48th Convention; amending the canons to give certain Vocational Deacons who are canonically resident in this diocese and serving under a Letter of Agreement within a congregation or another institution within the Diocese, to have voting rights at Diocesan Convention. This resolution is intended to allow the full inclusion of Deacons in Diocesan Convention – Transitional and Vocational who are actively serving within the Diocese.

If approved, this Amendment to the Canons will take effect upon the adjournment of the 48th Diocesan Convention.