

RESOLUTION TO CANON 22, SECTION 1

**submitted to the 46th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
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Alabama**

Resolved, that Canon 22, Section 1 be amended as follows:

There shall be a Commission on Ministry of ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** learned Presbyters (of whom two (2) must be Parochial Priests) canonically resident within the Diocese; **one (1) Deacon** and such number of Lay Persons, not exceeding ~~four (4)~~ **six (6)**, as shall be determined by the Bishop, who shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing. Such members shall be nominated by the Bishop and subject to confirmation by the vote of Convention to serve a term of four (4) years.

Explanation:

The Bishop, in consultation with the Commission on Ministry, has made considerable amendments to the process of discernment for Holy Orders, which now includes several meetings and small group conversations of a four to six month period. Additionally, the process now includes those seeking ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood in one concurrent process. As such, the Bishop and Commission on Ministry Chair think it prudent to expand the membership of the Commission to include enough members to sufficiently carry the workload.