



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

December 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Rectors, Vicars, and Priests and Senior Warden's
in charge of congregations

From: Bishop Kendrick

Reference: Pre-filed Resolutions to amend Diocesan Canons

In compliance with Canon 28 – “Amendment of Canons”, which requires all proposals altering or amending canons be presented in writing 90 days prior to the opening of Convention, and be distributed to congregations 60 days prior to the opening of Convention; attached are two (2) pre-filed resolutions to alter/amend the Canons of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, to be considered at the 48th Annual Diocesan Convention, February 14 – 16, 2019 at St. James Episcopal Church, Fairhope, AL.

These resolutions will be referred to the Convention Committee on Canons and Rules of Order, who will make a report on recommendations in the regular course of Convention business. There were no resolutions filed proposing matters not related to altering/amending the Canons.

Please see that all of your delegates are given a copy of these resolutions at your earliest opportunity.

Further, in compliance with Rule VI, Section 4 allows for “Resolution not presented in accordance with Sections 1 or 2 may be introduced by a Delegate to the Convention and accepted for consideration only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Convention taken at the first business meeting.” Of course, as provided in Section 5, resolutions can also come from the Bishop's Address and from any Convention committee.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CANONS

48th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
St. James Episcopal Church, Fairhope, Alabama
February 14 – 16, 2019

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.

RESOLUTION II

Resolution to the 48TH Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Submitted by The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick in consultation with the Committee on Youth Voting at Diocesan Convention

For the selecting of a Youth Delegate and Alternate from each Convocation and for Youth Delegates to have 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, 6, and 8 to read:

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

- g. Youth Delegates from each Convocation in the Diocese, as follows: they shall be Confirmed Communicants in their congregation. Each Convocation shall be entitled to one (1) youth delegate for representation at each Annual Diocesan Convention. Each Convocation shall also be entitled to one (1) Alternate Youth Delegate.

Youth Delegates entitled to vote are included with the Lay order, for Sections 9 and 10 of this Canon.

~~**Section 6.** The expenses of the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Convention shall be paid by the Congregations they represent and serve.~~

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- a. The expenses of the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Convention shall be paid by the Congregations they represent and serve.
- b. The expenses of the Convocation Youth Delegates to the Convention shall be paid out of the diocesan youth ministries and programs budget.

Section 8. All Officers of the diocese, all clergy canonically resident in the Diocese but not entitled to vote in Convention, ~~and 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 Bishop introducing for consideration in his Address to the 47th Diocesan Convention, a resolution to allow for the selection of youth delegates representing each convocation, in order to include our youth more fully in the life of the Diocese. The resolution was referred to the Convention Committee on Canons and Rules of Order, who recommended that the resolution be resubmitted within the Guidelines of Canon 28 and brought forward to the 48th Convention for consideration.

This resolution modifies the existing Canon to provide for a Youth Delegate to be selected from each Convocation, to annually attend Diocesan Convention as part of the voting membership of the Convention. The amendment also provides for payment of expenses for such Youth Delegates and for the selection of Alternate Youth Delegates in the event a Youth Delegate is unable to serve.