

Bishop Reddall convened a Committee on Canons in 2023, in accordance with Canon 29, “Of Amendment and Repeal”. The members of the Committee included: the Diocesan Chancellor, Don Bivens; the Secretary to Convention, Jan Feltz; the President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Canon Erika von Haaren; and ad hoc members: Serrena Fuentes, the Rev. Canon Anita Braden, and the Rev. David Hedges, BSG. They collectively propose and recommend the following resolutions:

Constitution Resolutions

These Resolutions will need to be voted on at two consecutive diocesan conventions and pass with a 2/3 vote in both orders.

Resolution 2024.1: Amend Constitution to no longer reference Diocesan Council

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Article V, Section 2 and Section 5(d) of the Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Annual Meetings. The Convention shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be designated by the preceding Annual Convention or the Bishop. The Bishop, in consultation with the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee*, shall have the power to fix or to alter the time and place of the meeting. The Convention may meet in person or online for business and worship.

Sec. 5 (d) To consider the budgets for each fiscal year presented by the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee* and to amend and approve them. Except as provided by Canon, no Diocesan budget shall be effective until it has been approved by the Convention.

Explanation: The 56th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona restructured the Diocesan Governance merging the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee, all former duties of the Diocesan Council became those of the Standing Committee. This clarifies the constitution to reflect this change.

Resolution 2024.2 Amend Article V Section 3

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Special Meetings . The Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may call a special meeting of the Convention at whatever time and place ~~he~~ *they* may deem necessary. Written notice of such a special meeting shall be given to the Clerical members of the Convention and all Congregations entitled to representation therein at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

Resolution 2024.3 Amend Article V Section 5(a)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Article V, Section 5(a) of the Constitution to read as follows:

(a). To elect the Bishop of the Diocese; to elect a Bishop Coadjutor; and to elect one or ~~more two~~ Suffragan Bishops ~~without right of succession~~.

Resolution 2024.4 Amend Article V Section 9

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 9. Quorum of the Convention. One-half of the Clergy entitled to vote, and Lay representatives from at least ~~one-fourth~~ *one-third* of the Parishes and Missions entitled to representation in the Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Canon Resolutions

These resolutions must pass by majority vote in both orders. They only need to pass at one convention.

Resolution 2024.O1 Omnibus Canon Language Update Resolution

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention is updating the language of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona in ways that are more than clerical but do not change the content of these Canons.

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention pass under one vote the following Resolutions:

Resolution 2024.11 Amend Canon 3 Section 1(b)

Resolution 2024.15 Amend Canon 6 Section 2

Resolution 2024.17 Amend Canon 7 Section 2

Resolution 2024.21 Amend Canon 16 Section 3

Resolution 2024.23 Amend Canon 23 Section 1

Resolution 2024.24 Amend Canon 24 Section 1(b)

Resolution 2024.26 Amend Canon 31 Section 4(d)

Explanation: This resolution will allow us to pass all of the language updates to the canons with one vote.

Resolution 2024.5 Amend Canons to no longer reference Diocesan Council

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 1 Sec 7(a), Canon 4 Sec 3(a-ii), Canon 5 Sec 1, Canon 5 Sec 4,

Canon 1 Sec 7(a). Order of Business for Annual Convention. At every Annual Convention the first order of business shall be the election of the Secretary and, if it be necessary, the election of a Presiding Officer. The Convention also shall nominate and elect a Treasurer and members of the Standing Committee. If necessary, the Convention shall nominate and elect Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention. Except as specified in this Subsection 7(a), the sequence of the Order of Business for the Annual Convention shall be established by the Bishop in advance of the Annual Convention in consultation with the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee*. The Order of Business shall make provision for the presentation of the program and budget proposed by the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee* and for appropriate action thereon. Reports required by the Order of Business may be filed by Title unless the Bishop requests an oral report, in which event the identified report shall be presented orally to the Convention.

Canon 4 Sec 3 (a-ii) To receive and retain custody of all funds assigned to his or her keeping by the Bishop, the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee*, any Parish or Mission, any Diocesan Institution or any agency or instrumentality of the Church.

Canon 5 Sec 1 Preparation of Proposed Financial Statement of Mission and Its Adoption. With the assistance of the Finance Committee the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee* shall prepare a Financial Statement of Mission for the following year. The Financial Statement of Mission shall be distributed to the clerical members and lay delegates of the Convention not fewer than 15 days prior to the meeting of the Annual Convention.

Canon 5 Sec 4 Reports of Arrearages. The Treasurer of the Diocese shall report to the ~~Diocesan Council~~ *Standing Committee*, at each regular meeting, the name of each Congregation that is in arrears in the payment of any monthly installment of its portion of the Mission Share.

Resolution 2024.6 Amend Canon 1 Sec 4(g)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 1 Sec 4(g)

Canon 1 Sec 4(g). Ex-Officio Members of Convention. The Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, if any, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurers, if any, the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellors, if any, the Registrar, the Historiographer, and the Lay members of the Standing Committee, *and* Lay Deputies to the General Convention, ~~-(and) the Lay members of the Diocesan Council,~~ shall be regarded as members ex-officio of the Convention and shall be entitled to seat and voice, but no vote.

Resolution 2024.7 Amend Canon 27 Sec 1 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 27 Sec 1

Canon 27 Sec 1 Committee for the Nomination of Bishops. When an Episcopal election is called for, there shall be a committee to be known as the Committee for the Nomination of Bishops, to consist of, ~~one clergy member and one lay member~~ *two clergy members and two lay members* of the Standing Committee, selected by the Standing Committee, ~~one clergy member and one lay member of the Diocesan Council selected by the Diocesan Council~~ and two clergy and two lay persons selected by the Deputies to General Convention from their elected membership, who are not members of the Standing Committee ~~or Diocesan Council~~. The diocesan Chancellor shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

Resolution 2024.8 Amend Canon 1 Sec 4(b) (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 1 Sec 4(b)

(b). Lay Delegates to the Convention from Parishes and Missions. In the case of a Parish or a Diocesan Mission, Lay delegates to the Convention shall be the ~~Wardens and~~ elected delegates chosen by the communicants of the Congregation from their own number.

Lay Delegates shall be apportioned in the following manner based upon the Average Sunday Attendance reported on the prior year's Parochial Report:

2 Delegates for an Average Sunday Attendance of 1-49

3 Delegates for an Average Sunday Attendance of 50-99

4 Delegates for an Average Sunday Attendance of 100-199

5 Delegates for an Average Sunday Attendance of 200 or more

A congregation may elect as many Alternates as it wishes, not exceeding the total number of its elected Lay Delegates.

~~Lay delegates from each Parish or Mission entitled to representation in the Convention shall be elected in the proportion of one delegate to each fifty communicants or major fraction thereof, but no Parish or Mission shall be represented by more Lay delegates than two Wardens and five elected delegates. A Congregation may elect as many Alternates as it wishes, not exceeding the total number of its Wardens and elected Lay delegates. Lay delegates from Parishes and Missions shall be communicants in good standing of the Congregation which they represent.~~

Explanation: The current canons use total reported membership as the basis for allotting lay delegates to Diocesan Convention. The metric of Average Sunday Attendance may be a more reliable record of the proportionate size of the congregation, as it is the experience of the Canon Review Committee that membership numbers are sometimes out of date. The new representations will reduce the financial burden on congregations on sending delegates to convention (a minimum of 2 delegates per congregation rather than 3, and a maximum of 5 delegates rather than 7) and permit the Diocese to hold convention in a church building, rather than a rented space, while leaving room for congregational and diocesan growth.

Resolution 2024.8 Amend Canon 1 Sec 4(e) (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 1 Sec 4(e)

Canon 1 Sec 4(e). List of Lay Delegates. Prior to each meeting of the Convention, the Secretary shall cause to be prepared a list of all Lay delegates and Alternates in order of preference. In order to permit the Secretary to prepare the list, the Senior Warden of each Parish and each Mission entitled to representation shall forward to him or her, not later than fourteen days before the meeting of the Convention, a list of ~~the Wardens from his or her Parish or Mission, together with~~ its duly elected delegates and alternates, in order of preference.

Resolution 2024.9 Amend Canon 1 Sec 5 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 1 Sec 5

Canon 1 Sec. 5. Election by Ballot. *Elections may be by voice, electronic or paper ballot, All elections shall be by ballot* unless dispensed with by unanimous consent. *Elections of candidates for office shall be by ballot.* No vote may be cast by proxy in the Convention.

Resolution 2024.10 Amend Canon 2 Sec 2 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 2 Sec 2

Canon 2 Sec. 2. Archdeacons. The Bishop may appoint one or more Archdeacons. ~~and delineate the jurisdiction of each. An Archdeacon may be the Rector of a Parish or the Vicar of a Mission.~~

Resolution 2024.12 Remove Canon 4 Section 5 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention remove Canon 4 Section 5

~~Canon 4 Sec. 5. Business Manager. The Bishop with the advice and consent of the Diocesan Council, may appoint a business manager for The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. The business manager, if there be one, will report to the Bishop and will carry out such duties and responsibilities as shall be determined by the Bishop. The compensation, if any, for the business manager shall be established as a part of the Diocesan budget as described in Canon 6 hereof.~~

Resolution 2024.13 Amend Canon 5 Section 4 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 5 Section 4

Sec. 4. Reports of Arrearages. The Treasurer of the Diocese shall report to the Diocesan Council, at each regular meeting, the name of each Congregation that is in arrears in the payment of any monthly installment of its portion of the Mission Share.

Any congregation that fails to pay its diocesan Mission Share for ~~two-2~~ *six* 6 months within a twelve month period ~~must~~ *may be required by the Bishop to* meet with ~~the Congregational Support Committee (CSC)~~, a committee appointed by the Bishop with approval of the Standing Committee.

Members of congregations that are six months or more behind in paying their Mission Share shall not be eligible for election to Diocesan Office.

Resolution 2024.14 Amend Canon 6 Section 1 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 6 Section 1

Canon 6 Sec. 1. Appointment of the Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee, ~~which shall consist of three members of the Clergy and three Lay persons~~ *which shall consist of at least three members of the Diocese, including at least one Lay person and one Clergy member*, to be appointed by the Bishop not fewer than 90 days prior to the date of each Annual Convention.

Resolution 2024.15 Amend Canon 6 Section 2 (language)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 6 Sec 2

Sec. 2. Notice by Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee, not fewer than 60 days prior to the date of each Annual Convention, to notify the Clerical members of the Convention and all Congregations entitled to representation therein of the offices to be filled by election at the forthcoming Annual Convention, together with the names of persons whose terms in such offices expire at such Convention, and, in the case of committees, boards and commissions, the names of members whose terms thereon extend beyond the date of that Convention. The Committee shall, as a part of the notice, solicit the filing of written nominations for all offices so to be filled and shall give the name and address of the ~~Chairman~~ *Chair* of the Nominating Committee.

Resolution 2024.16 Amend Canon 7 Section 1 (content)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 7 Section 1

Sec. 1. Appointment of the Resolutions Committee. Not fewer than 90 days prior to each Annual Convention, the Bishop shall appoint a Resolutions Committee ~~which shall consist of not fewer than three members of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and not fewer than three Lay communicants~~ *which shall consist of at least three members of the Diocese, including at least one Lay person and one Clergy member*, in good standing in the Diocese.

Resolution 2024.17 Amend Canon 7 Section 2 (language)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 7 Section 2

Sec. 2. Notice by Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary not fewer than 60 days prior to the date of each Annual Convention, to notify the Clerical members of the Convention and all Congregations entitled to representation therein of the name and address of the ~~Chairman~~ *Chair* of the Resolutions Committee and to call attention to the provisions of this Canon.

Resolution 2024.18 Amend Canon 8 Section 5 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 8 Section 5

Sec. 5. Report Following General Convention. ~~Each Lay or Clerical deputy who was seated on the floor of General Convention shall submit a written report to the next annual Diocesan Convention describing his or her activities at General Convention, his or her votes on issues at General Convention, and any additional activity the Deputy participated in at General Convention on behalf of the Diocese. The General Convention Deputation shall produce a unified written report and make a presentation to the Diocese following the General Convention.~~

Resolution 2024.19 Amend Canon 15 Section 4 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 15 Section 4

Sec. 4. Qualifications and Election of Vestry. Members of the Vestry shall be elected at the Annual Parish Meetings from communicants in good standing in the Parish. In any Parish desiring to follow a rotation system in election of its Vestry, members of the Vestry may be elected for three-year terms, with one-third of the members being elected each year. *Vestry members may serve two consecutive terms of three years, but are not eligible for reelection until after the expiration of one year from the date of the termination of the prior three year term. No members of the Vestry may be eligible for reelection to a full three-year term until after the expiration of one year from the date of the termination of a prior full three-year term.*—A vacancy occurring in the office of a Vestry member may be filled by the Vestry until the next Annual Meeting of the Parish, at which time a member of the Vestry shall be elected to fill out the unexpired term. Parishes not desiring to use the rotation system may determine their own method and terms for their members.

Explanation: This brings our Diocesan Canons in line with the by-laws of most congregations.

Resolution 2024.20 Amend Canon 15 Section 6 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 15 Section 6

Sec. 6. Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting shall be held during the ~~month~~ *months* of January, *February*, or in the month of December immediately preceding the month of January in which the meeting would otherwise be held, at a time and place within the Parish specified by the Rector. All communicants in good standing whose names appear on the Parish register shall be entitled to vote.

Resolution 2024.21 Amend Canon 16 Section 3 (language)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 16 Section 3

Sec. 3. The Bishop's Committee. The Bishop shall appoint a Bishop's Committee to consist of two Wardens, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and the number of ~~Committeemen~~ additional members as ~~he~~ *they* shall determine. The Bishop or, in ~~his or her~~ *their* absence, the Vicar shall be ~~Chairman~~ *Chair* of the Bishop's Committee and shall preside at its meetings. In the absence of both the Bishop and the Vicar, the Senior Warden shall preside at its meetings. The Senior Warden shall

be nominated by the Vicar from the communicant membership of the Bishop's Committee and shall be appointed by the Bishop. The Junior Warden shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Mission, from the communicant membership of the Congregation. So far as practicable, the Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall have the same duties, responsibilities and authority as would a Senior Warden or Junior Warden of a Parish.

Resolution 2024.22 Amend Canon 19 Section 1(d) (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 19 Section 1(d)

(d) Hearing. At the hearing the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall jointly consider the petition, the recommendations of the Finance Committee, *and any other diocesan body that has worked with the congregation, and Stewardship Committee* and all other evidence that may be then presented, and thereafter the Bishop shall, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, enter a judgment either reverting the Parish to Mission status or refusing the reversion.

Resolution 2024.23 Amend Canon 23 Section 1 (language)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 23 Section 1

Sec. 1. Parish Register. Each member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation, or the Wardens when there is no member of the Clergy in charge, must keep a current, ~~and an~~ accurate and secure Parish Register and must make the proper entries therein as required by the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Resolution 2024.24 Amend Canon 24 Section 1b (language)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 24 Section 1b

(b). Deposit of Records. Whenever any Rector or Vicar vacates ~~his or her~~ *their* office ~~he or she~~ *they* shall deposit with the Senior Warden of the Parish or Mission any and all records ~~he has~~ *they have* made or maintained while holding office.

Resolution 2024.25 Amend Canon 26 Section 1 (content)

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 26 Section 1

Sec. 1. Title IV of General Canons. Those provisions of Title IV of the General Canons that are applicable to the Diocese are hereby incorporated as part of this Title. To the extent, if any, that any of the provisions of this Title are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of Title IV, as it may be amended from time to time, the provisions of Title IV shall govern. *With the permission of the Standing Committee, the Diocese of*

Arizona may share Intake Officers, Disciplinary Board, and other participants in the Title IV process with one or more dioceses.

Explanation: As currently written, Title IV requires such a large number of participants (Intake Officers, Disciplinary Board members, Pastoral Care Responders, Advisors, and others) that many dioceses are finding it difficult to fill all those roles, and are consequently sharing them across diocesan boundaries. Any future plan to do so for the Diocese of Arizona would require the consent of the Standing Committee.

Resolution 2024.26 Amend Canon 31 Section 4(d) (language)*

Resolved, That the 64th Diocesan Convention amend Canon 31 Section 4(d)

(d). ~~Chairman-Chair~~ of the Cathedral Chapter. The Bishop, or in the Bishop's absence the Dean of the Cathedral, shall be ~~Chairman-Chair~~ of The Cathedral Chapter and shall preside at its meetings.