

ACTS OF THE 203RD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Act 2018-1 (Resolution 203.1)

On Clergy of Churches in Full Communion with The Episcopal Church

The 203rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina enacts:

Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Diocese of North Carolina is amended as follows:

“**Section 3.** The members of the Clergy Order of the Convention include (i) every active and resigned bishop of this Diocese whose principal residence is located therein, (ii) every member of the clergy of the Church who is canonically resident in the Diocese and whose principal residence is located therein, and (iii) every other member of the clergy of the Church, or ~~pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America~~ member of the clergy of a church in full communion with The Episcopal Church, who is regularly serving a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or another ministry within the diocese recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority. All members of the Clergy Order are entitled to seat and voice in the Convention. The restriction of residence as above required shall not apply to professors, tutors, or students in any recognized theological seminary of this Church, or college maintained and governed in part by the Diocese, or to any officers or members of the staff of the Executive Council, or to chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, or to members of the clergy in charge of congregations of this Diocese. Except as otherwise provided in Article IX, Section 7, every member of the Clergy Order who is regularly serving the diocese, a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or another ministry within the diocese recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority is entitled to vote.”

Adopted on Second Reading and effective upon adjournment.

Act 2018-2 (Resolution 203.2)

On Amending the Constitution to Comply with the Canons of General Convention Pertaining to Voting Privileges for Clergy Without Canonical Residence

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member of the clergy of the Church who is canonically resident in the Diocese and whose principal residence is located therein, and (iii) every other member of the clergy of the Church, or pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who is regularly serving a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or another ministry within the diocese recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority. All members of the Clergy Order are entitled to seat and voice in the Convention. The restriction of residence as above required shall not apply to professors, tutors, or students in any recognized theological seminary of this Church, or college maintained and governed in part by the Diocese, or to any officers or members of the staff of the Executive Council, or to chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, or to members of the clergy in charge of congregations of this Diocese.

Except as otherwise provided in Article IX, Section 7, every member of the Clergy Order who is canonically resident in this Diocese and is regularly serving the diocese, a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or another ministry within the diocese recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority is entitled to vote.”

Adopted on First Reading. Second Reading will occur at the 204th Annual Convention.

**Act 2018-3
(Resolution 203.3)**

On the Official Clergy Roll of the Annual Convention

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 1, Section 1, is amended as follows:

“Section 1. Clergy. Before the opening of the annual Convention or of a Special Convention, the Secretary shall apply to the Ecclesiastical Authority for a list of clergy entitled to seats, and shall receive such list at least 120 days before the opening of an annual Convention, or 60 days before a Special Convention. From this list the Secretary shall prepare, at least 90 days prior to the annual Convention and 30 days prior to a Special Convention, and publish from this list the official clergy roll of the Convention (~~showing names, addresses, and telephone numbers~~), which roll shall be *prima facie* evidence of the right to seats therein. After the Secretary’s publication of the roll, the Ecclesiastical Authority may certify to the Secretary additional clergy entitled by the Constitution to seat in the Convention until one hour prior to the opening session of the Convention”.

**Act 2018-4
(Resolution 203.4)**

On Technical Corrections to the Constitution and Canons

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 12, Section 2, is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

“(c) After the close of each Annual Convention, the Commission shall certify the changes, if any, made in the Constitution and Canons, including a correction of errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and references made in any portion of the Constitution or Canons to another portion thereof, and report the same to the Secretary of the Convention who shall include such corrections in the official edition of the Constitution and Canons published in the Journal. All such technical corrections shall be reported to the Convention.”

**Act 2018-5
(Resolution 203.6)**

On Election of Deputies and Alternates to General Convention

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 34 is amended as follows:

“Deputies to the General Convention

Section 1. ~~At the annual Convention held in the year preceding the calendar year in which the triennial meeting of the General Convention is to be held, there shall be elected~~ No later than 12 months before the opening date of each triennial meeting of the General Convention, the Annual Convention shall elect as clerical deputies four ordained persons, presbyters or deacons, canonically resident in this Diocese, and four lay deputies, who are enrolled confirmed adult communicants in good standing of this Church and resident in this Diocese.

Section 2. ~~There shall also be elected, subject to the same provisions as the deputies, four alternate clerical and four alternate lay deputies who shall succeed to vacancies in the original deputation in the order of their election; and in this order shall the Secretary insert their names in the Journal. After all deputies have been elected, up to four clergy alternates and four lay alternates shall be chosen from the remaining candidates in the order of the number of votes received on the most recent ballot in the appropriate Order.~~

Section 3. Deputies elected to represent this Diocese in the General Convention who find themselves unable to attend shall notify the Bishop immediately. The Bishop shall inform the Secretary of the ~~Diocese~~ Convention, who shall certify to the Secretary of the General

Convention the name and ~~mailing address~~ contact information of the alternate deputy ~~elected~~ chosen to serve in the resigned deputy's place.”

Act 2018-6
(Resolution 203.9)

On Convention Voting Procedures

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Rule XXII(c) of the Rules of Order is amended as follows:

"(c) All nominations shall be reported to the Convention by the Secretary ~~in the form of an official ballot on which the names of nominees for the designated office shall be printed in alphabetical order, with space opposite each name in which to indicate a choice, and with instructions as to the number of nominees to be voted for and the manner of marking the ballots together with appropriate instructions as to how to cast a valid ballot.~~ Delegates may vote for fewer candidates than the number of positions to be filled, but ballots containing votes for more than the number of positions to be filled shall be rejected.

Act 2018-7
(Resolution 203.5)

On Publication of the Journal of Convention

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 5, Section 1, is amended as follows:

“Section 1. The Secretary shall:

(a) Take all necessary steps to inform the Convention delegates not only of the time and place of annual and special Conventions, but also of the particular business of each Convention.

(b) Notify vestries of the number of lay Convention delegates their parishes and missions are entitled to elect and the length of terms for which such delegates are to be elected.

(c) Prepare the canonical lists of the clerical and lay delegates entitled to membership in the Convention.

(d) From the roster of the preceding annual Convention ascertain the names of clerical and lay delegates whose membership in the next annual Convention can be presumed and, not later than August 15, inform those persons that Convention Committees are to be appointed by the Bishop and request that, not later than September 10, they inform the Bishop in writing of the committees to which they have an interest in being named.

(e) Call the Convention to order for the purpose of organization in the absence of the Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop (if there be such), and the President of the Standing Committee.

(f) Keep a record of all Convention proceedings, prepare and issue its journals, and ~~preserve sufficient copies thereof for the use of the members of the next ensuing Convention~~ publish the journals in an easily accessible format.

(g) Preserve and have ready for reference all Convention papers not specially given into other hands.”

Act 2018-8
(Resolution 203.7)

On Failure to Achieve Timely Compliance with Canon 30 or Canon 17

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Rule III of the Rules of Order is amended as follows:

~~“III. A parish or mission shall be denied the right to seat its lay delegates~~The lay delegates of a parish or mission shall be denied the right to vote, except by majority vote of the Convention upon a showing of good cause by the rector, vicar, or vestry, if it has failed to achieve timely compliance with (1) the provisions of Canon 30 concerning parochial reports, or (2) the provisions of Canon 17(i) concerning filing a copy of its annual audit, ~~or (3) the provisions of Canon 18 concerning acceptance and payment of its proportionate share of the items specified therein.~~ Failure to comply with these requirements shall be determined as of the tenth day preceding the convening of any Annual or Special Convention and shall be reported to the Convention by the Secretary as the first order of business.”

Act 2018-9
(Resolution 203.8)

On Departments of the Diocesan Council

The 203rd Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 15, Section 4, is amended as follows:

“Section 4. *Departments.* The Diocesan Council shall organize from its membership, supplemented as herein provided, a Department of Outreach and Justice Ministries, a Department of Christian Formation, Department of Youth and Young Adults, a Department of Congregational Support and Development, a Department of Finance, ~~a Department of Business Affairs and Administration~~, and such other departments as in its judgment may be necessary; and it shall provide the manner and means by which its departments shall be staffed and financed. From the Council membership the Bishop Diocesan shall appoint the

members of each department and designate its chair. The chair of each chartered committee within a department shall be a member of the department. Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Bishop may appoint additional members to departments of the Council. Each department shall meet at least three times each year and report its activities to meetings of the Council. It shall receive and review budget requests from its chartered committees and submit its departmental budget to the Diocesan Council. The Bishop Diocesan, the Bishop Suffragan, and the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, shall be members of each department. The chairs of the several Departments, the Bishops ~~and the Bishop Coadjutor~~, and a minimum of two other members of the Diocesan Council appointed by the Bishop, shall constitute the Council Committee on the State of the Church.

Subject to Council review and approval:

(a) The Department of Outreach and Justice Ministries shall be responsible for the work of the Diocese with respect to those programs and activities that embody our ministry locally, nationally, and overseas;

(b) The Department of Christian Formation shall oversee those bodies that provide program and resources for education and formation throughout the Diocese.

(c) The Department of Youth and Young Adults shall oversee diocesan programs for youth, ministry in higher education, and young adults.

(d) The Department of Congregational Support and Development shall coordinate the work of those agencies that work directly with congregations.

(e) The Department of Finance and Administration shall oversee the development and administration of the diocesan budget and disbursement of grants;

~~(f) The Department of Business Affairs and Administration~~ shall oversee the business, personnel, and property affairs of the Diocese, including the work of the Treasurer and the annual audit of the Diocese and shall include a committee on administrative and personnel policies consisting of three persons elected by the Diocesan Council from its membership which shall be responsible for formulating and reviewing administrative and personnel policies and reporting to Council as may be necessary or appropriate.”

Act 2018-10
(Resolution 203.11)

On Commending December 18 as the Commemoration of William West Skiles

Resolved, the 203rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina commend to parishes, missions, and eucharistic communities the date of December 18 as the commemoration of Deacon William West Skiles of Valle Crucis, first monastic in permanent vows in the Anglican Communion since the Reformation, and be it further

Resolved, the Annual Convention recommend to the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music at the next General Convention to include the commemoration of Deacon William West Skiles at the next calendar revision.

Act 2018-11
(Resolution 203.13)

On the Ordination and Consecration of Obispo Orlando Gómez Segura, 4th Bishop of Iglesia Episcopal Costarricense

Resolved, that the 203rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina congratulates the Right Reverend Orlando Gómez Segura on his ordination and consecration as the fourth bishop of Iglesia Episcopal Costarricense, prays and commends to all congregations prayers for God's blessings upon Bishop Orlando and the Diocese of Costa Rica, and encourages the engagement of additional North Carolina congregations in this mutually-enriching Companion Relationship.

Act 2018-12
(Resolution 203.12 as substituted)

On examining the need for bail reform within the criminal justice system

Resolved, the 203rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina supports actions to reform, and commits to examine, current judicial pretrial-release procedures within our own state. The consideration of current pretrial release practices will be conducted in partnership with organizations currently engaged in the study of the money-bail system and steps will be taken in support of needed reforms. Pretrial-release practices will be considered for consistency with the teachings of Jesus concerning the equitable treatment of all people. Further, this consideration of the money-bail system of pretrial release is in keeping with the mandate of our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.