

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2020

In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: General updating of Canons

1 **RESOLVED:**

2 **CANON 1 DELEGATES TO CONVENTION**

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4 **1.1.3** This list shall be considered as presumptive evidence of a right to seat, voice and vote in
5 the Convention, provided, however, that only Clergy of The Episcopal Church shall be eligible
6 to vote in the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan.

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8 **CANON 3 QUORUM**

9 **3.1.2** A quorum shall be deemed to be present at all times subsequent to the formal organization
10 of any annual or special meeting of Convention.

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12 **CANON 4 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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14 **Section 4.1 Order of Business and Rules of Order.** The Order of Business and Rules
15 of Order as set forth in Appendix 4.1 to these Canons shall apply without the requirement of any
16 formal action by the Convention and shall remain in force until amended or repealed in whole or
17 in part.

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19 **CANON 11 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE**

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21 No Member of the Clergy shall be nominated for, elected to, or appointed to any
22 Diocesan position including any office or committee membership, including the Council, the
23 Standing Committee, Ecclesiastical Court, deputy to General Convention or alternate deputy,
24 unless that individual is both canonically and geographically resident within the Diocese. No

25 layperson shall be nominated for, elected to, or appointed to any such Diocesan position unless
26 that individual is an Adult Communicant in Good Standing as defined in the General Canons of
27 the Episcopal Church and is geographically resident within the Diocese. Should anyone who
28 holds any diocesan office or is a member of a committee move his or her residence outside the
29 Diocese, that move shall constitute a resignation from that position as if in writing. This Canon
30 does not apply to the election of a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan.

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32 **CANON 21 THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

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34 **21.1.3** It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to give consent for ordinations within the
35 Diocese, in conformity with Canon III.6.6(c) of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal
36 Church.

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38 **21.1.4** It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, acting with the consent of the Bishop,
39 unless there is no Bishop, to give consent for the encumbrance or alienation of all real property
40 held or managed by the Diocese, Congregations, Institutions or the Corporation, to the extent
41 authorized by Canon II.6 Sections 3 and 4, of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal
42 Church.

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44 **21.1.6** The Standing Committee shall report to the Council the anticipated distribution from the
45 Perpetual Trust of St. Peter and St. Paul for the budget of the Diocese for the next year and
46 report the same to the Convention.

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48 **21.2.2** The elected members shall serve three (3)-year terms and shall be divided into three (3)
49 classes, each including one (1) Clergy and one (1) layperson, serving staggered terms.
50 However, an elected member shall remain in office until his or her resignation or removal or
51 until his or her successor has been duly elected. If the vacancy occurs more than one hundred
52 eighty (180) days before the next Convention, the Standing Committee shall nominate and vote
53 to fill the vacant position and such successor shall serve the remaining term of such successor's
54 predecessor or until the successor's resignation or removal. If the vacancy occurs less than one

55 hundred eighty (180) days before the next Convention, then the successor's term will expire at
56 the next Convention.

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58 **Section 21.3 Eligibility.**

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60 **21.3.1** No person who has entered the process leading to ordination by the issuance of
61 the canonical certificate (~~Title III, Canon 4, Section 4(d) of the General Canons~~) from the Vestry
62 of the Congregation of which he or she is a Communicant shall be eligible to serve on the
63 Standing Committee. Any member of the Standing Committee who enters the process leading
64 to ordination shall resign, effective the date of the issuance of the canonical certificate.

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66 **CANON 23 COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

67 **Section 23.3 Eligibility.** No person who has entered the process leading to ordination by
68 the issuance of the canonical certificate (~~Title III, Canon 4, Section 4(d) of the General Canons of~~
69 ~~The Episcopal Church~~) from the Vestry of the Congregation of which he or she is a Communicant
70 shall be eligible for election to the Commission on Ministry. Any member of the Commission on
71 Ministry who enters the process leading to ordination shall resign, effective the date of the issuance
72 of the canonical certificate.

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74 **CANON 25 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION OF BISHOPS**

75 **Section 25.4 Responsibilities of the Standing Committee:** In overseeing the process, the
76 Standing Committee shall:

- 77 1. Give notice in all appropriate publications that the Diocese of Utah is entering into
78 an Episcopate election process;
- 79 2. Complete a survey of the state of the Diocese and provide the results thereof to the
80 Nominating Committee;
- 81 3. Establish the date for the election;
- 82 4. Call for electors from the several congregations to convene for the election(s) of the
83 Nominating Committee at a time and place certain, then and there to act in
84 accordance with such election procedures as the Standing Committee shall prescribe;

- 85 5. Appoint the Transition Committee, and such other committees, consultants and
86 chaplains for the process as it deems appropriate;
- 87 6. Determine the means and procedures for receiving nominations with amendments
88 thereto as may be proposed by the Nominating Committee;
- 89 7. Review and approve the draft Diocesan Profile prepared by the Nominating
90 Committee;
- 91 8. Receive slate of proposed final nominees from the Nominating Committee, and
92 provide for background checks on all such persons through the Office of the
93 Chancellor of the Diocese;
- 94 9. Collaborate with the Nominating Committee, the Transition Committee, Diocesan
95 Council and Diocesan staff leadership to provide appropriate financial means, staff
96 support and facilities support for the process, electing convention, episcopal
97 transition, consecration and of the committees;
- 98 10. Propose Rules of Order for the Electing Convention and oversee the election;
- 99 11. Seek the necessary Episcopal and Standing Committee approvals and consents
100 required by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church following the
101 election;
- 102 12. Provide for the Consecration in collaboration with the Office of the Presiding
103 Bishop; and
- 104 13. Provide for the seating of the elected Bishop.

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106 **Section 31.2 Mission.**

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108 **31.2.1** A Mission is a worshipping community consisting of five (5) or more individuals
109 and capable of operation only with the assistance of Diocesan mission budget support. A
110 Mission may be formed at the discretion of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the
111 Standing Committee, and under such rules and guidelines as the Bishop may establish. An
112 established Mission that becomes self-sustaining, in that it no longer receives financial support
113 from the Diocese, shall remain a Mission of the Diocese until it has applied for union as a Parish
114 as set forth in Section 31.2.4.

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116 **31.2.4(d)** Satisfactory evidence that the congregation has been holding regular worship services

117 and contains at least twenty (20) adult ~~Communicates~~ Communicants in Good Standing.

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119 31.2.5 Two or more Missions may be merged into one at the request of either the Bishop or the

120 Bishop's Committees of each Mission with consent of the Bishop. The Bishop shall decide

121 whether to merge the Missions with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee. Prior to

122 the merger, the existing Bishop's Committees of the established Missions shall meet together as

123 one body to formulate bylaws and select a name for the proposed new Mission under such rules

124 and guidelines as the Bishop may establish.

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126 **31.3.1** A Parish is a worshipping community capable of maintaining its own church facility and

127 programs from internal resources independent of financial support from the Diocese, and

128 supporting the stipend and benefits of at least a part-time Rector or Priest-in-Charge. Except that

129 voluntary universal provision by the Diocese of clergy benefits is not considered financial

130 support for the purposes of this section.

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132 **CANON 32 WARDENS AND OTHER OFFICERS**

133 **32.1.1(b)** The Bishop's Warden of a Mission shall be appointed from the membership of the

134 Mission by the Priest-in-Charge, acting with the advice and consent of the Bishop, if

135 there is one, otherwise by the ecclesiastical authority. The Bishop's Committee shall

136 elect ~~from among its members~~ a Junior Warden from its members unless otherwise

137 provided for by the Mission bylaws.

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139 **CANON 51 ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE**

140 **51.2.4 Election.** The members of the Board shall be elected by the Convention. Each member
141 shall be elected for a three (3)-year term; except, if a member is elected to fill a vacancy, the
142 term of such member shall be the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The term of
143 the member shall commence on the first (1st) day of the year following election. The terms of
144 office of the Board shall be staggered and arranged into three classes. A member may be re-
145 elected to subsequent terms without limitation.

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APPENDIX 4.1

148 **5.1** Ballots:

149 a. The initial ballot will be prepared to include the names of all individuals
150 nominated in each category whose biographies and statements have been received
151 prior to Convention. A ballot may be either paper or in an electronic format as
152 determined prior to the start of the meeting.

153 b. The initial ballot will provide blank spaces for writing or typing in the names of
154 those ~~whose names are placed in nomination~~ who are nominated from the floor
155 pursuant to Rule 5.d prior to the first ballot. These names will appear printed on the
156 second ballot when appropriate.

157 **5.2** Balloting:

158 a. Ballots will be distributed to voting members of Convention by the tellers upon
159 instruction by the President unless electronic voting is to be used. If electronic
160 voting is used, appropriate information shall be provided to the voting members to

161 allow them adequate opportunity to cast a valid vote.

162 b. Completed ballots will be collected and counted by the tellers. In the case of
163 electronic voting, the tellers shall collect the data representing the vote and report it
164 to the Chief Teller.

165 c. The Chief Teller shall promptly report the results of each ballot to the Secretary

166 **5.3 Election:**

167 e. The summary of all votes will be recorded on a fresh paper or electronic ballot by
168 the Chief Teller for the Secretary and presented to the President in the following
169 manner:

170 **APPENDIX 31.1**

171 **REGIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF UTAH**

172 **Southern Region**

173 Grace Church, St. George, Utah

174 Spirit of the Desert, Ivins, Utah

175 St. David's Church, Page, Arizona

176 St. Jude's Church, Cedar City, Utah

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178 **APPENDIX 71.1**

179 ~~**Advisory Committee:** A group of people appointed by the Bishop to coordinate the ministries~~
180 ~~of a Community of Faith.~~ Remove entirely

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182 **Canons (2):** Usually, the assisting clergy at a Cathedral whose title indicates that they live by
183 the rules (canons) of that church and of the Diocese.

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185 **Community of Faith:** ~~A worshipping community of at least five persons established by the~~
186 ~~Bishop and operating under the Bishop’s authority. Usually, though not necessarily, a~~
187 ~~Community of Faith is established as the beginning of the Episcopal Church’s pastoral presence~~
188 ~~as a Mission.~~ Remove entirely

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190 **Episcopal Church, The:** That branch of the Holy Catholic Church known as The Episcopal
191 Church in the United States.

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193 **Parish:** An ecclesiastical body admitted into union with the Convention as defined in Canon
194 31. ~~A Parish has the right to call its own Rector.~~

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196 **Presentment:** ~~A document which specifies the offense(s) of which a Priest or Deacon is~~
197 ~~alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances.~~ Remove
198 entirely

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Congregation/Organization: Grace Episcopal Church

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EXPLANATION: General updates to conform the Canons of the Diocese of Utah to current practices, to accommodate electronic balloting, to clarify the status of Missions when they are financially self-sustaining, to allow Missions to choose Junior Wardens from outside the Bishop’s Committee, and establish procedures for merging congregations.

Fiscal Note: N/A