

Current wording:

The Secretary of the Convention shall keep a register of the Clergy entitled to Seats or votes in the Convention of this Diocese, in the following manner: The Bishop, Bishop-Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee shall, sixty days prior to the meeting of the Convention, deliver to the Secretary, or in the absence of the Secretary, to such other person as may be appointed by the presiding officer of the Convention, a certified list of the Clergy in regular standing and canonically connected with the Diocese, specifying their parochial responsibilities or their residences and employment respectively; and also the dates of the ordination or reception of those who have been ordained or received into the Diocese within the year immediately preceding. From this list the Secretary shall prepare, in conformity with Article III, Section 2, and Article XIV, of the Constitution, a roll of Clergy entitled to Seats or votes in the Convention; and the list thus prepared shall be prima facie evidence as to the rights of Clergy to Seats or votes in the Convention. The Bishop (or Ecclesiastical Authority) shall, on the day of the meeting of Convention, provide to the Secretary any additions or deletions to the certified list submitted in advance of the Convention.

Rationale:

The Church Pension Fund requires every diocese to appoint a Recorder of Ordinations who reports all ordinations, depositions, letters dimissory, etc. to the Recorder of Ordinations for the Episcopal Church. When the current canon was written, the position of Recorder of Ordinations did not exist. It makes no sense for the Secretary of Convention and Recorder to keep separate tallies, especially since the secretary may not be informed of all changes in clergy status. This change puts the responsibility for compiling a complete and accurate list in the hands of the Recorder, but leaves the Secretary, who is elected by convention, the responsibility for certifying the voting status of clergy at convention.

Canon XII Revision

The Committee on Constitution and Canons moves to amend Canon XII Section 3.

Proposed Wording:**Canon XII****Budget and Financial Administration**

Section 3. In approving the budget for the ensuing year, the Convention shall also adopt a schedule of assessments pursuant to Article XI of the Constitution under which each Parish receives a single assessment that is a proportionate share of the proposed Diocesan Budget including the proposed response of the Diocese to the asking of the Diocese by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, based on a uniform formula which recognizes each Parish's ability to pay.

Current Wording:

Section 3. In approving the budget for the ensuing year, the Convention shall also adopt a schedule of assessments pursuant to Article XI of the Constitution under which each Parish is assessed a proportionate share based on a uniform formula which recognizes each Parish's ability to pay.

Rationale:

In 1996, Diocesan Convention passed Resolution 1, allowing parishes the option to seek approval of Diocesan Council to dedicate the "program budget" portion of their share of the annual asking of the Episcopal Church to other clearly identified missionary purposes. At that time, the canons and practice of the Episcopal Church divided the annual asking of the Church to each diocese into two portions, one supporting the expenses of General Convention and other operations of the Church, and the other

supporting the program budget of the Church. Subsequent to the adoption of Resolution 1, the canons of the Episcopal Church were amended to provide for a single asking from each diocese. This amendment eliminated the Diocese's ability to identify a portion of the asking corresponding to a "program budget." The option provided by Resolution 1 of 1996 is no longer feasible or permitted by the Church's canons, which require the use of a single asking. The proposed change to Diocesan Canon XII.3 will supersede Resolution 1 of 1996 and bring the Diocese into compliance with Church Canons I.1.8 and I.4.6. It will also assure that all parishes provide their respective share of the Diocese's financial obligation to support the Episcopal Church and will simplify Diocesan budgeting, billing and accounting processes. The need for the change was originally identified by the Budget and Assessments Working Group of Diocesan Council.

Canon XII Revision

The committee on Constitution and Canons moves to amend Canon XII, Section 4.d.

Proposed Wording:

Canon XII

Budget and Financial Administration

Section 4.d. Any parish desiring an adjustment in its assessment shall appeal at the earliest opportunity to Diocesan Council by notice to the Treasurer of the Diocese and to the Judge of Assessments of Council. After discussion between the appropriate officers (or designees) of Diocesan Council and of the parish, Diocesan Council, having investigated the situation of the parish, shall determine whether or not the assessment should be reduced. If it reduces the assessment, (1) Diocesan Council must determine how either the current or the following year's Budget and Assessment Schedule shall be adjusted to compensate for such reduction, and (2) Council may also recommend to the Bishop and Standing Committee that such parish be designated a Transitional Parish, in accordance with Canon XV, Section 6.

Current Wording:

Section 4.d. Any parish desiring an adjustment in its assessment shall appeal at the earliest opportunity to Diocesan Council by notice to the Director of Administration of the diocese and to the Judge of Assessments of Council. After discussion between the appropriate officers (or designees) of Diocesan Council and of the parish, Diocesan Council, having investigated the situation of the parish, shall determine whether or not the assessment should be reduced. If it reduces the assessment, (1) Diocesan Council must determine how either the current or the following year's Budget and Assessment Schedule shall be adjusted to compensate for such reduction, and (2) Council may also recommend to the Bishop and Standing Committee that such parish be designated a Transitional Parish, in accordance with Canon XV, Section 7.

Rationale:

The convention decided several years ago to change the canon that automatically made the Treasurer also the Director of Administration. Since the positions can now be held by different people, we needed to adjust references throughout the governing documents so that the appropriate duties are assigned to each of these separated positions.