

SUMMARY OF 2023 CONSTITUTION & CANONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolutions 1 and 2 are amendments to the Constitution. Amending the Constitution requires affirmative votes by order at two consecutive annual meetings of the Convention. These resolutions were approved at the 2022 Convention. If approved at the 2023 Convention and by the Bishop, the amendments will then go into effect.

Resolution 1: Moves the table of congregation convention delegate numbers from the diocesan Constitution to the diocesan Canons.

Explanation

This amendment is proposed by the Chancellors. There is a need to review Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) numbers from time to time, especially as they affect the number of delegates elected by each congregation to Convention.. By moving this requirement to the Canons, which can be changed by a single vote of Convention, the Diocese will have more flexibility and can be more timely in effecting any changes to these numbers. The canonical amendment will not be effective until after the second affirmative vote on the change to Article VI.5 of the Constitution.

Resolution 2: Amends the Constitution so that adults who are received in The Episcopal Church as well as those confirmed may be Deputies to General Convention and to the Provincial Synod.

Explanation

The Constitution & Canons Committee proposes this amendment to the Constitution to provide that communicants who were received as well as confirmed are persons qualified to be Deputies. This resolution also conforms eligibility to what is required in parish elections.

Resolution 3: This resolution amends the Rules of Convention to add a standing rule to govern electronic meetings of Convention to be applicable if Convention is held electronically.

Explanation

Including this rule in the Rules of Convention will avoid having to adopt a special rule of order in each Convention held on-line.

Resolution 4: The resolution amends Rule 4 of the Rules of Convention to eliminate the need for a second of any motion arising from a report by a standing diocesan body.

Explanation

The amendment will make the Rules of Convention consistent with Roberts Rules of Order governing parliamentary procedure.