

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2021

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: Updating Canons Governing Diocesan Convention (Canons 1,3, 4 and 7) and Updating Canon 28.2.4 Election Term

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, ~~it shall be assumed that a quorum is present~~  
11 ~~unless the point of no quorum is raised by any member, in which case the quorum shall be~~  
12 ~~determined by a call of the Clergy and of the Congregations entitled to representation.~~

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14 **CANON 4 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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19 until amended or repealed in whole or in part.

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22 **CANON 7 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE**

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24 No ~~one~~ Member of the Clergy shall be nominated for, elected to, or appointed to any  
25 Diocesan position including any office or committee membership, including the Council, the  
26 Standing Committee, Ecclesiastical Court, deputy to General Convention or alternate deputy,  
27 unless that individual is both canonically and geographically resident within the Diocese. No  
28 layperson shall be nominated for, elected to, or appointed to any such Diocesan position unless  
29 that individual is an Adult Communicant in Good Standing as defined in the General Canons of  
30 the Episcopal Church and is geographically resident within the Diocese. Should anyone who  
31 holds any diocesan office or is a member of a committee move his or her residence outside the  
32 Diocese, that move shall constitute a resignation from that position as if in writing. This Canon  
33 does not apply to the election of a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan.

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**TITLE VI.  
DISCIPLINE**

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37 **CANON 28 ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE**

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39 **28.2.4 Election.** The members of the Board shall be elected by the Convention. Each member  
40 shall be elected for a three (3)-year term; except, if a member is elected to fill a vacancy, the  
41 term of such member shall be the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The term of  
42 the member shall commence on the first (1st) day of the year following election. The terms of  
43 office of the Board shall be staggered and arranged into three classes. A member may be re-  
44 elected to subsequent terms without limitation.

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Congregation/Organization: Grace Episcopal Church

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EXPLANATION: The proposed amendment to Canon 1I would restrict clergy of churches other than The Episcopal Church from voting in the election of a Bishop. This is consistent with other Dioceses. It

does not eliminate participation of these clergypersons in other business in a regular convention of this Diocese.

The proposed amendment to Canon 3 allows for establishment of a quorum at the outset of convention but eliminates the possibility that the established quorum would be lost when delegates leave the meeting for any purpose.

The proposed amendment to Canon 4 establishes standard rules of convention which eliminates the need for a vote at the start of convention to adopt rules prior to the commencement of business.

The amendment to Canon 7 adds the requirement that lay individuals must be Adult Communicants in Good Standing in order to serve.

The amendment to Canon 28 codifies the current practice that there are no term limits for Board members. The practice recognizes that individuals who have previously served on the Board have acquired specialized skills valuable to the execution of their duties.

Fiscal Note: None

Note: Filing deadline is 60 days prior to Convention (**February 23, 2021**). Resolutions received in proper form by then will be published on the website for Diocesan Convention 2021 prior to the Pre-Convention Meeting. Pursuant to the Rules of Order, Rule VI.6.0, introductory paragraph, “Resolutions filed after that date shall be referred to the Diocesan Council unless placed on the Calendar of the Convention upon a two-thirds majority vote. . . .”.