

Canonical Changes Passed at Convention 2012 (Effective January 2013)

Proposed Canonical Change #1- submitted by the Standing Committee

Resolved that Title III Canon 1.9 be changed as follows to strike the language so noted and to add the highlighted new language:

Section 9. Duties of Wardens

*It shall be the duty of the Wardens to keep watch over the Church property; to see that it is duly prepared for every occasion of public worship; to collect the offerings of the people; to take charge of the font and communion plate; to provide out of the Parish or Organized Mission funds, under the direction of the Vestry, as sufficient supply of the vestments and the books to be used in public worship, and also the elements for each celebration of the Holy Communion; to attend to the accommodations of the congregation with seats, and to maintain order and decorum in the time of public worship. The Wardens, in addition to the duties appertaining to their office, shall, in case there be no Rector or Vicar, make the entries in the Parish or Organized Mission Register. In addition shall **be responsible to the Rector.** [Remove: function as Chief Executive Officer of all the temporal affairs of the Parish, responsible in these functions to the Rector. In all matters requiring the representation of a lay person to represent the Parish in the community of which it is a part, the Senior Warden shall be the representative.]*

The Junior Warden shall perform the duties of the Senior Warden if that person is unable to function. [Remove: and shall assume other duties as assigned by the Senior Warden and the Vestry.]

Mr. Hussell moved Canonical Change #1 from Committee and favored its passage.

Motion was seconded from the floor. Motion passed.

Proposed Canonical Change #2 –submitted by the Standing Committee

Resolved that Title III Canon 1.5(c) be changed as follows to add the highlighted new language.

*(c) Elect, by ballot, a Vestry of not less than three or more than fifteen persons, the election being conducted and the persons elected to serve such terms as the by-laws of the Congregation stipulate. Clergy shall not be eligible to serve. The Diocese encourages the election of youth to be members of the Vestries. If the election **process or results** be disputed by any communicant of the Parish the matter may be referred to the Bishop for decisions, **whose judgment shall be final;***

Mr. Hussell moved Canonical Change #2 from Committee and favored its passage.

Motion was seconded from the floor. Motion passed.

Proposed Canonical Change #3 – submitted by the Standing Committee

Resolved that Title III Canon 1.5(i) be changed to strike the language so noted,

- (i) The members of the Congregation present at the Congregational Meeting shall cast ballots for the election of members of the Vestry, each person being entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are members of the Vestry to be elected. Any candidate receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared elected. If the required number of candidates be not elected by receiving a majority of all the votes cast, announcement shall be made of the names of those elected as a result of having received such a majority and of the number of members of the Vestry still to be elected; and the congregation shall continue to ballot until the Vestry's complement be elected. [Remove: In case of disputed elections, appeals shall lay to the Standing Committee, whose judgment shall be final.] If those present at a*

Congregational Meeting should desire to do so, they may provide for the election to the Vestry of those persons who receive a plurality of votes cast; provided, however, that the decision to elect by plurality instead of majority shall be passed by a vote of two-thirds of those present, prior to balloting for candidates and such decision be made prior to the first ballot or prior to any subsequent ballot.

Mr. Hussell moved Canonical Change #3 from Committee and favored its passage.

Motion was seconded from the floor. Motion passed.

Proposed Canonical Change #4 – submitted by the Standing Committee

Resolved that Title III Canon 1.6(b) be changed as follows to strike the language so noted to add the highlighted language,

*(b) All Vestry members, all Officers, and all clergy of the Parish, shall, if they have not previously done so, before participating in any business, qualify by subscribing to the following Declaration: “I do believe the Holy Scriptures to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to Salvation; and I yield my allegiance to The Episcopal Church [**Remove: in the United States of America**],**and to the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia**, and my adherence to their doctrine, discipline, and worship, and promise to serve as a member of the Vestry of _____ with fidelity.”*

Mr. Hussell moved Canonical Change #4 from Committee and favored its passage.

Motion was seconded from the floor. Motion passed.