

Resolved that Canon 3.3 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) The Council shall be composed of the following:

- [1] The bishop, the bishop coadjutor, the treasurer, and the secretary of convention;
 - ~~[2] Convocation representatives consisting of seven members of the clergy and seven lay communicants in good standing selected by their respective convocations as hereinafter provided; _____~~
 - ~~[3] Members-at-large consisting of six members of the clergy and six lay communicants, elected by convention for three-year terms, two in each order to be elected each year.~~
 - [4] Members consisting of seven clergy and seven lay communicants in good standing, one of each order nominated by each convocation for three-year terms, and presented by slate to be elected at Convention.
 - [5] In the first year under this Canon, the remaining members-at-large will comprise the Council, and no convocation representatives will be seated. Council will develop a schedule to stagger appointments for Convocation appointments in the next three years in order to establish a rotation schedule. Under this canon, the terms of remaining members-at-large will end December 31, 2025.
- (b) Vacancies occurring among elected members shall be filled by the appropriate convocation. ~~Vacancies occurring among members-at-large between Conventions shall be filled by election of the Council.~~ Those so elected shall serve until the next Convention, at which time a successor shall be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (c) The bishop shall preside at meetings of the Council. The bishop coadjutor or the secretary, in that order, shall preside in the absence of the bishop.
- (d) The Council may appoint other officers and assign their duties.

Sec. 2. The Diocesan Council shall oversee the work of the Church in this diocese paid for by the annual diocesan operating budget, including developing the annual income and expense budgets. It shall perform such work as may be committed to it by the convention and

initiate and develop such new ministries between meetings of the convention as it deems necessary.

Sec. 3. (a) The Council shall:

[1] Advise the bishop on matters pertaining to diocesan mission and ministry.

[2] Perform such other duties as required by Canon or by Resolution of the Convention.

(b) The Council may:

[1] Organize itself and adopt rules for its governance and the administration of the Assessment levied under authority of Article 10 of the constitution.

[2] Recommend measures to increase the funds under its jurisdiction.

[3] With the approval of the bishop, request the board of trustees to provide funds for aiding the missionary work of the diocese, other than for clergy salaries.

[4] Recommend, by three-fourths vote of its members present at a regular meeting and with the approval of the bishop, temporary financial assistance to any parish, upon such conditions as the Council may impose.

Sec. 4. The Council shall provide a system for interacting annually with representatives of the several ministries supported by the budget in order to evaluate their progress and continuing needs.

Sec. 5. The Council shall meet at least three times each year and at such other times as its rules or the presiding officer shall require. ~~Fourteen~~ **Eight** members shall constitute a quorum.

And be it further

Resolved that Canon 3.5.4(c)(2) be amended to read as follows:

~~B. Electing one member of the clergy (in odd numbered years) and one lay member of the convocation council (in even numbered years) to serve staggered two year terms on Diocesan Council, each with the option of being re-elected for one additional two year term. During the first year of implementing these staggered terms, when a member of the clergy is elected to a two year term, a lay member of the convocation council shall be elected to a one year term on~~

~~Diocesan Council with the option of being re-elected to a two-year term the following (even-numbered) year. Each person so elected must be a delegate to the convention in the year of the election and will serve the full term of two years on Diocesan Council, reporting back to the convocation for the duration of their term, even if they are not a delegate to Convention in the second year of said term.~~

And be it further

Resolved that Canon 1.5.3 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The Nominating Committee shall meet at the call of the convener, no later than 90 days before the annual convention, and shall ensure that not less than two persons are nominated for each of the offices included in the following categories: members of the Standing Committee, ~~members-at-large of the Diocesan Council~~, the slate of Diocesan Council nominees, Trustees of The Diocese of Oregon, members of the Chapter of Trinity Cathedral, Deputies to the General Convention

Explanation

Currently, there are 12 elected members to Council that can be from anywhere in the Diocese – six lay people and six clergy. In addition, there are 14 representatives from each Convocation, one lay and one clergy who are also on Council. This makes for a Council of 26 members, not counting *ex officio* members.

In a diocese our size, this is a huge resource of people and the labor of gathering a committee of that size is very challenging. The council is important because it helps in the creation and stewardship of our budget and supports the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

In this revision, we would tighten up the group by bringing us to 14 members. The proposal is that those members would be nominated at a Convocational level – meaning the Convocation would raise up one lay person and one clergy person and they would be part of a slate presented for election at the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Convention. This does not add work to the Convocation as they would be electing representatives otherwise. The only difference is that they are presented at Convention rather than just added to the roster of Diocesan Council. Council members do not need to be delegates – the Convocation can brainstorm people that they believe would be excellent on Council. If they are willing to serve, are members in good standing in their congregation, and are elected by the Convocation, then they would be presented at Convention.

This revision creates a far more functional committee and is less of a strain on our Convocations,

while offering equal representation of the Convocations on Council.

The revision at Canon 3.3.1(a)[3] provides for the transition to the proposed new Council structure over the next year. Under this provision, no Convocation representatives will be seated in the first year. Members-at-large will comprise the Council in the transition year, and they will create a staggered schedule of appointments for Diocesan Council at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Convention.

If approved, these amendments will take effect immediately.

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