

Resolved that Canon 1.4(a) be amended to read as follows:

(a) At least six months prior to the annual convention, the bishop shall appoint the committees of Convention which shall include a Committee on Dispatch of Business, a Committee on Constitution and Canons, a Committee on Resolutions, a Committee on Courtesy and such other Committees as may be necessary for the convention to carry out its responsibilities. Each committee shall have an odd number of members. The members of these committees shall be selected from among the lay and clergy delegates certified to the secretary as of the date of appointment, or officers, and shall be, to the extent possible, representative of both orders and the breadth of the diocese. No delegate may serve on more than one of these committees. The appointments shall be communicated to all delegates and to the Official Youth Presence.

And be it further

Resolved that Canon 1.5(b) be amended to read as follows:

(b) All proposals for amendments to the constitution or canons of the diocese, shall be submitted, in writing, to the secretary by the person or persons initiating such changes at least 90 days prior to the annual convention. Within five business days, the secretary shall send copies of the proposed changes to each member of the committee on Constitution and Canons, to each member of the clergy entitled to seat and vote, to each lay delegate, to the Official Youth Presence, and to the convocations.

And be it further

Resolved that Canon 1.6 be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6.(a)** Any member of a congregation in the diocese or member of the clergy entitled to seat and vote at Convention may propose a resolution after obtaining written sponsorship or endorsement of a lay delegate, a member of the clergy entitled to seat and vote, a vestry or Bishop's Advisory Committee, a convocation, or a commission or committee of the diocese.

(b) Resolutions shall be submitted, in writing, to the secretary by the person or persons initiating them at least 45 days prior to the annual convention. Within five business days, the secretary shall send copies of the proposed resolution to each member of the Committee on Resolutions, to each member of the clergy in the diocese entitled to seat and vote, to each lay delegate, to the Official Youth Presence, and to the convocations. Resolutions not submitted in accordance with this provision may be referred to the committee on Resolutions at the first business meeting, by a three-fourths vote of the convention based on a reading of the title of the resolution, to be heard in the same manner as set out in Sec. 4(d) above.

### **Explanation of proposed amendments to Canon 1**

When the Official Youth Presence was added to the composition of diocesan convention in 2023, it was only added to the notice provisions of Canon 1.3, notice of time and place of each convention. For this group to properly prepare for and participate in convention business, it should also receive the same notice of other matters as do the clergy and lay delegates and convocations.

Submitted by the Constitution and Canons Working Group  
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