

Episcopal Church in Western Oregon
Report to the 135th Annual Meeting of Convention
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Activities Report

The Constitution and Canons Committee (a Committee of Convention) was appointed from the Constitution and Canons Working Group (a standing working group), which has been meeting monthly since July 2022. The Working Group has recommended that at future Annual Meetings a separate Constitution and Canons Committee be appointed consisting of a membership separate from the Working Group, and we will work towards this goal for next year.

The Constitution and Canons Working Group held meetings this past year with several other groups from the diocese, including representatives of Diocesan Council, Commission on Ministry, and the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force. We also held meetings with folks responsible for various parts of the Annual Meeting of Convention.

Based on these meetings and the Working Group's own deliberation, the Committee has proposed 3 canonical amendments to the 135th Convention. Deliberations for future amendments are ongoing among the Working Group and other diocesan teams, and the Working Group anticipates proposing more amendments to future Annual Meetings of Convention. The Working Group will continue monthly meetings following the 135th Annual Meeting of the Convention.