

22 forty-five (45) days before the meeting of the Convention and shall contain
23 a full statement of the reasons for such reduction. Such application shall
24 state whether the applicant parish desires a hearing before the Adjustment
25 Committee.

26 The Adjustment Committee, which shall be a committee appointed by
27 the Bishop consisting of seven members: one member of the Council, one
28 Trustee and one member from each of the Districts of the Diocese, shall
29 promptly review all adjustment applications and conduct all adjustment
30 hearings and may affirm or reduce the apportionment payable by any parish
31 requesting a reduction. The Chief Financial Missioner and the Treasurer of
32 the Diocese shall serve as the staff liaisons to the Adjustment Committee.
33 The Adjustment Committee shall inform each parish requesting a reduction
34 of the Adjustment Committee's decision within a reasonable time after the
35 review and hearing (if applicable) of such parish's application and shall set
36 forth in writing the reasons for its decision.

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38 Further Resolved, that within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the
39 foregoing amendment of Canon 6 at the meeting of the Convention, the
40 Bishop shall appoint a task force consisting of at least one member of the
41 clergy and one lay person from each District of the Diocese, the purpose of

42 which task force shall be to draft and recommend to the Council the
43 guidelines to be implemented by the Adjustment Committee.

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45 Rationale:

46 There currently is no process by which a parish may appeal its Diocesan
47 apportionment. In view of the economic challenges faced by many parishes
48 in the Diocese and the potential consequences to a parish that cannot or in
49 good faith chooses not to pay its full apportionment, there should be a
50 process by which such a parish can present its case for a reduction in its
51 apportionment. This process should provide for a prompt review of and
52 decision regarding a parish's application for a reduction, so as to not
53 unnecessarily impede the Diocesan budgeting process.