Section 1. The Diocesan Council, acting as trustees for the Diocesan Corporation, is authorized to:

(a) Acquire and hold in trust for the use and benefit of any Congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, the legal title to any and all property real or personal belonging to such Congregation or which may be held by any person or corporation in trust for such Congregation which may be devised, granted or conveyed to this Corporation in trust for the use and benefit of such Congregation.

(b) Acquire and hold in trust for the use and benefit of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming any and all property real and personal which may be deemed necessary or desirable in connection with the religious, educational, benevolent, charitable and missionary work of said Diocese.

(c) Contract with reference to property so held by it, and to convey the same by deed, mortgage, or in any other lawful manner.

(d) Exercise those corporate powers vested in it in accordance with the laws of the State of Wyoming so far as those powers are consistent with the object of the Diocesan Corporation which is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

(e) The Diocesan Council shall report to the annual Convention their acts and proceedings since the preceding annual Convention which report shall be provided in written or electronic format. The report will include the following information:

A listing of the specific investments held by the Diocese;

The amount of fees or commissions paid to, and the names of, financial advisors, investment managers, or brokers; and

The total amount of investment income earned on these investments.

(f) In managing the affairs of the Diocesan Corporation, the Diocesan Council shall among other things, order and provide for the prudent investment, care and disbursement of all the funds and investments coming into the hands of the Diocesan corporation.
(g) The Diocesan Council is authorized to appoint an Investment Committee for the management of funds and investment of trust property provided:

1. the Investment Committee report to the Diocesan Council all transactions and account for all assets at least quarterly;
2. the Investment Committee provide to the Diocesan Council a summary of all transactions for inclusion with the report of investments to the Diocesan Convention;
3. the Investment Committee is authorized, with the approval of Diocesan Council, to employ agents for management of funds and investment of trust property.
   a. Agents shall be financial institutions regularly audited by the Federal Reserve System or the Securities and Exchange Commission.
   b. members of the Investment Committee may not have a financial interest in or be employed by such agents.

Section 2. The Diocesan Council shall have full power and authority to act for the Convention between meetings of the Convention in all matters not expressly reserved to the Convention. This is not limited to but shall include:

a. Provision for the support, salary, residence, equipment and expenses of the Bishop and the staff of the Bishop and any other employees of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming;

b. Oversight of the Program and Policies adopted by the Convention;

c. Administration of the budget adopted by Convention;

d. Review and revision, as necessary, of the Program of the Diocese;

e. Initiation, development, consolidation and/or termination of work in the Diocese, according to the Program and Policies adopted by the Convention.

f. Preparation of programs and budgets for presentation to the next Convention; and

g. Oversight of the Convention Program Planning Committee and a Convention Arrangements and Hospitality Committee.

Section 3. The Council shall formulate its own rules of procedure and have the power to create such departments, commissions and committees necessary to execute its task. These bodies and their membership shall be listed in the Journal.
Section 4.  (a) The Council together with the Committees, Commissions and Task Forces it has created shall render a full report concerning their activities, plans, and recommendations since the last annual Convention, and this material shall be available at each annual Pre-Convention Meeting.

(b) As a witness to its accountability and service to the congregations:

(1) Minutes of Council meetings shall be posted to the Diocesan website and all Congregations should post a copy for public reading.
(2) Summary of the actions of Diocesan Council meetings shall be printed in The Spirit Of Wyoming.
(3) Time shall be given during annual Convention for any questions, comments, motions to be made concerning the actions of Council since the last annual Convention.
(4) All groups for which funding has been provided through the Diocesan budget shall furnish an annual report to be included in the Pre-Convention reports. Said reports must be in the Diocesan Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to Pre-Convention meetings for inclusion in the material presented at Pre-Convention meetings; and, to be presented by title at the annual Convention for acceptance and/or other actions. These reports should include:

   (i) an update on the current year’s activities, including how budgeted funds are being spent
   (ii) a projection of funds and activities for the upcoming year.

(5) A summary of Council actions and the group reports required in Section 4(b)(4) of this Canon shall be printed in the Journal.

Section 5. The Diocesan Council shall be composed of:

(a) The Bishop.
(b) A representative from each region elected as specified in Canon 7.

(c) Six Adult Communicants in Good Standing: three (3) of whom shall be clergy and three (3) of whom shall be lay members. These Council positions shall be three-year terms. One-third of such Council persons shall be elected at each annual Convention.

(d) One (1) Adult Communicant in Good Standing who shall be between 16-19 years of age. This Council position shall be a one-year term, elected at each annual Convention.
Canon 4.5.e-4.9

(e) Ex-officio Members with seat and voice but not vote:
   (1) if there be one: Bishop Coadjutor, Suffragan Bishop, Assistant Bishop serving in this Diocese.
   (2) The Treasurer of the Diocese
   (3) The Chancellor of the Diocese
   (4) Members of the Bishop’s Staff when invited
   (5) President of the Diocesan ECW
   (6) Representative of the Standing Committee
   (7) Representative of Ministries with Young Christians
   (8) The Executive Director of the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming
   (9) Additionally, the Bishop may appoint three (3) Adult Communicants in Good Standing in this Diocese, one each year for three-year terms.

(f) No employees of the Diocese, excepting the Bishop, shall be eligible to serve as a voting member on Diocesan Council.

Section 6. Officers and Finance Committee

(a) The Bishop is the President of the Diocesan Council.

(b) One of the members elected by Convention or by a region shall be elected Vice-President of Council.

(c) One voting member shall be elected Secretary.

(d) The President shall appoint six (6) or more Council members (elected or appointed) who, with the Treasurer, shall comprise the Diocesan Finance Committee. The Committee shall function in accordance with the General Canons.

Section 7. Those elected from each Region or by Convention or appointed by the Bishop may serve no more than six (6) consecutive years after which one (1) year must elapse before being again eligible to serve on Council.

Section 8. Should any vacancy occur in the Council through death or resignation of a member elected by the Convention, the Council shall fill such vacancy by election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the next annual Convention. If the vacancy be created by a person appointed by the Bishop, the Bishop shall appoint a suitable replacement. If the vacancy be created by a person representing a region, that Region shall elect a person to serve until the next annual Convention.

Section 9. No elected member of Council, nor a person appointed to fill a vacancy of an elected member, shall be eligible for election or appointment to the Standing Committee.
Section 10. The Diocesan Council shall meet at least four (4) times each calendar year. Additional meetings may be called as the Diocesan Bishop deems necessary, or on the written request of any (6) members, elected and/or ex-officio. Meetings may occur electronically but at least one (1) shall be held in person, not counting an organizational meeting if held at the time of or immediately following the adjournment of the annual Convention.

Meet 4 Times Per Year

Section 11. A majority of the non-ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council. No action shall be taken in the name of the Council except when a quorum, so defined, is present and voting.

Section 12. The payment of the annual expenses of the Diocese shall include a fund drawn from assessments assigned to all Congregations in the Diocese each year. The manner of apportionment shall be upon some fixed and uniform plan recommended by the Diocesan Council and approved by the representatives of the Congregations gathered at the annual Convention.

Section 13. The Diocesan Council shall have power to expend all sums of money provided for in the budget, and also any money actually received by it in any year over and above the amount required for the budget of that year.