

**Proposed Amendments to the Canons
of the
Anglican Diocese of the Living Word for 2023**

**Amendment #1 to the Canons as proposed by
the Committee on Constitutions and Canons**

Title I, Canon 2

Section 3. Membership Lists and Mode of Election of Delegates

A. Clergy Delegates

i. An official list of all duly ordained presbyters and deacons under the authority of the Bishop shall be maintained by the Ecclesiastical Authority, kept current by the Registrar, and on file in the central office of the Diocese. The list shall ~~contain the addresses and positions of the clergy and the list shall~~ be published at least 30 days in advance of any meeting of the Synod. Any active member of the clergy whose name is not on the list who wishes to vote at the Synod shall bring the omission to the attention of the Registrar.

**Amendment #2 to the Canons as proposed by
the Committee on Constitutions and Canons**

Title I, Canon 2

Section 4. Meetings of the Synod

A. The Synod of the Diocese shall meet every year and may also have Special Meetings called for a specific purpose.

~~B. A quorum of the Synod of the Diocese shall consist of a majority of the active clergy of the diocese whose attendance has~~

~~not been excused by the bishop and a majority of the congregations and missions of the diocese.~~

€B. The Bishop with the advice of the Standing Committee shall determine the date, time, and place of all meetings of the Synod. The Secretary of the Diocese shall give notice of Annual Meetings at least 90 days in advance, except for good cause as determined by the Bishop and the Standing Committee, and no less than 15 days prior to any Special Meeting.

ƉC. The agenda for any Synod meeting shall be distributed to Synod delegates no fewer than 15 days prior to the meeting.

**Amendment #3 to the Canons as proposed by
the Committee on Constitutions and Canons**

Title II, Canon 1
Section 1

A. All Congregations of the Diocese and [a]ny group may which seeks to affiliate with the Diocese as a Congregation as provided in this Canon shall comply with the provisions of this Canon. ~~A All Congregations of the Diocese and any~~ a community of worshipers seeking to join the Diocese as a Congregation shall meets the following criteria:

i. ~~Has~~ Have a Vestry of laity consisting of wardens and vestry members, chaired by the rector or his alternate as prescribed by the bylaws of the Congregation, under the authority of the Bishop;

ii. ~~Conducts weekly worship in a public space in accordance with the doctrine, discipline and worship of God as this Diocese has received them~~ forms of worship recognized as Anglican in form

and substance of the Anglican Communion as permitted by the Bishop;

Amendment #4 to the Canons as proposed by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons

Title II, Canon 1
Section 6

Mergers of Congregations and Missions

With the consent of the Bishop, two or more Congregations or Missions of the Diocese may merge to form a single Congregation or Mission upon the consent of the vestry of each such Congregation or Mission which is a party to the merger. The Standing Committee of the Diocese with the approval of the Bishop may issue provisional affiliation or membership with the Diocese of the merged Congregation or Mission subject to a majority vote of the next Synod to receive such merged Congregation or Mission.

Notes on the text for which amendments are here proposed:

The text of the proposed additions are shown underlined and the proposed deletions are shown with ~~strike out~~. If by amendment a new a section of canon is added, the adoption of such section shall automatically cause all following canon sections to be renumbered accordingly.