

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, et al.)	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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VS.)	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
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FRANKLIN SALAZAR, et al. ¹)	141 ST DISTRICT COURT

SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF ALL EPISCOPAL PARTIES' MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

This supplemental evidence is filed jointly by Plaintiff The Episcopal Church in support of its Motion for Summary Judgment and Brief in Support and by Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendants/Counterclaimants the Local Episcopal Parties² in support of their Amended Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

The evidence listed below supplements the evidence filed in the Appendix to All Episcopal Parties' Motions for Summary Judgment and Partial Summary Judgment, filed October 18, 2010, and Plaintiff The Episcopal Church's Supplemental Evidence in Support of Its Motion for Summary Judgment, filed October 22, 2010 and adopted and incorporated by the Local Episcopal Parties on October 28, 2010.

The evidence listed below, together with the other evidence previously filed, is incorporated into Plaintiff the Episcopal Church's Motion for Summary Judgment and Brief in Support and into the Local Episcopal Parties' Amended Motion for Partial Summary Judgment as if set forth fully therein:

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² The Local Episcopal Parties are the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Robert Hicks, Floyd McKneely, Shannon Shipp, David Skelton, Whit Smith, Margaret Mieuli, Anne T. Bass, Walt Cabe, the Rev. Christopher Jambor, the Rev. Frederick Barber, the Rev. David Madison, Robert M. Bass, the Rev. James Hazel, Cherie Shipp, the Rev. John Stanley, Dr. Trace Worrell, the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., and Kathleen Wells.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Supplemental Evidence in Support of All Episcopal Parties' Motions for Summary Judgment and Partial Summary Judgment has been sent this 21st day of December, 2010, by certified mail or facsimile and e-mail, to:

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF MARK DUFFY

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **Mark Duffy**, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed and said:

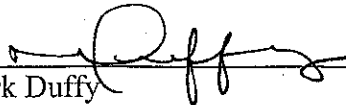
1. My name is Mark Duffy. I am of sound mind, capable of making this Affidavit, and have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated.

2. I am the Canonical Archivist and Director for The Episcopal Church. It is my duty to acquire, organize, authenticate, and preserve various documents filed in the Archives of The Episcopal Church.

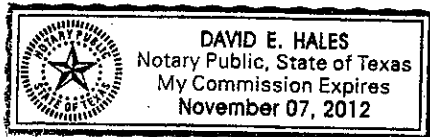
3. I am the custodian of the records of the Archives of The Episcopal Church. Each of the documents attached as an exhibit hereto is kept by The Episcopal Church in the Archives of The Episcopal Church in the regular course of business, and for each document it was the regular course of business of The Episcopal Church for an employee or representative of The Episcopal Church with knowledge of the act, event, condition, or opinion recorded to make the record or to transmit information thereof to be included in such record, and the record was made at or near the time or reasonably soon thereafter. Pursuant to Canons of The Episcopal Church I.1(5), I.1(6), and I.5, each of the documents attached as an exhibit hereto is required to be filed in the Archives of The Episcopal Church. The records attached hereto are exact duplicates of the originals.

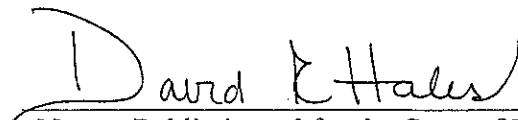
4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the Resolution Number 1982-A010 to Amend Constitution Article V.1 [Admission of New Dioceses--Second Reading].

5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of Resolution Number 1982-B018 to Ratify the Division of the Diocese of Dallas Into Two Jurisdictions.


Mark Duffy

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 2nd day of December 2010.




Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: Nov. 7, 2012

TAB 1



Resolution Number: 1982-A010
Title: Amend Constitution Article V.1 [Admission of New
Dioceses--Second Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following proposed amendments having been made known to the several Dioceses and Missionary Dioceses and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution, Section 1 of Article V of the Constitution, the 67th General Convention adopt the following amendments to Article V of the Constitution, to wit:

Add the word "existing" before the word "Dioceses" where such word first appears in the second sentence of Section 1 of Article V, and strike the last sentence of said Section and substitute a new sentence therefor, so that said Section 1 as amended will read:

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more *existing* Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses), by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. ~~When it shall appear to the satisfaction of the General Convention, by a certified copy of the proceedings and other documents and papers laid before it, that all the conditions for the formation of the new Diocese have been complied with and that it has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted to union with the General Convention.~~

After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the New Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-23.

TAB 2



Resolution Number: 1982-B018
Title: Ratify the Division of the Diocese of Dallas Into Two Jurisdictions
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That this 67th General Convention ratifies the division of the Diocese of Dallas to create a new Diocese which, until the new Diocese adopts a name, shall be referred to as the Western Diocese with the continuing Diocese to be known as the Diocese of Dallas. The boundaries of the two Dioceses shall be as follows:**

- a) **The Diocese of Dallas shall include 25 counties: Grayson, Denton, Collin, Dallas (excluding the portion of the city of Grand Prairie that is in Dallas county), Rockwall, Ellis, Navarro, Henderson, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Hunt, Fannin, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Rains, Wood, Upshur, Camp, Franklin, Titus, Red River, Morris, Bowie, Cass.**
- b) **The Western Diocese shall include 23 counties: Wichita, Archer, Young, Stephens, Eastland, Brown, Mills, Hamilton, Comanche, Erath, Somervell, Palo Pinto, Jack, Clay, Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Bosque, Hill, Johnson, Tarrant, Cooke, and the portion of the City of Grand Prairie located in Dallas County; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this 67th General Convention receive the following evidence supporting this resolution:**

1. **Certified copy of the resolution, duly approved by the Diocese of Dallas, committing the Diocese to its division and to the formation of a new Diocese;**
2. **The consent of the Bishop of Dallas;**
3. **Certificate of the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Dallas concerning the number of Parishes, Missions, Institutions and Presbyters in the continuing Diocese and in the new Diocese;**
4. **Map of the existing and proposed continuing and new Diocese;**
5. **Certificate of the Treasurer of the Diocese of Dallas concerning the financial abilities of the continuing Diocese and of the new Diocese, together with supporting financial data;**
6. **Certificate of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Dallas that all aforesaid documents have been duly executed, are accurate, and are entitled to full faith and credit, and further that all of the appropriate and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the USA and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Dallas have been fully complied with in respect of this submission.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-169.

EXHIBIT K

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NOVEMBER 29, 2010 SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF KATHLEEN WELLS

STATE OF TEXAS §
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 COUNTY OF TARRANT §

BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, on this day personally appeared KATHLEEN WELLS, who, being by me personally sworn, upon her oath stated:

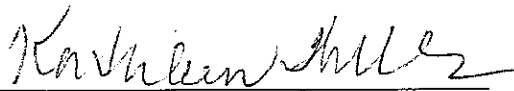
1. My name is Kathleen Wells. I am over eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and fully capable and competent to make this Affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and all facts stated herein are true and correct.

2. Since February 7, 2009 I have served as the Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth (the "Diocese"), which is a subordinate unit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ("The Episcopal Church").

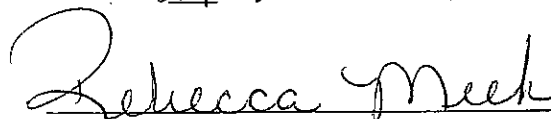
3. As Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, I attended the 27th and 28th annual meetings of the Diocesan Convention in 2009 and 2010, respectively. I also served as a deputy from the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth to the meeting of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2009, have been elected to serve as a deputy to the 77th General Convention in 2012, and now serve on the Church's Standing Commission for Constitution and Canons for a six-year term ending 2015.

4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the current Constitution of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, including amendments adopted on second vote at the Diocesan Convention on November 20, 2010. These amendments removed the provisions that

purportedly had been adopted under Defendant Iker in 2008 and earlier, which were inconsistent with the Constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church, void, and without effect.


Kathleen Wells

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 29 day of November, 2010.


Notary Public, State of Texas



TAB 1

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Adopted in CONVENTIONS 1982-2010

PREAMBLE

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PREAMBLE

We, the Clergy ("Priests and Deacons") and Laity of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ("The Episcopal Church" or "The Church"), resident in that portion of the State of Texas constituting what is known as the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth ("The Diocese"), do hereby ordain and establish the following constitution as duly amended.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 1

AUTHORITY OF GENERAL CONVENTION

The Church in this Diocese accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and recognizes the authority of the General Convention of said Church..

Revised November 2010



ARTICLE 2
MEMBERS OF CONVENTION

The Diocese of Fort Worth entrusts its legislation to a Convention to consist as follows: First, of the Bishop, when there be one; of the Bishop Coadjutor, when there be one; of the Suffragan Bishops, Assistant Bishops, if there be any; Second, of all priests and deacons canonically resident in the Diocese, and not under Ecclesiastical discipline, and who have not in contemplation of removal from this Diocese, applied for their Letters Dimissory; and Third, of Lay Delegates chosen by and representing their Congregations. Lay Delegates and their Alternates shall be elected by the Congregations of their respective Parishes and Missions at the Annual Parish Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

The Rectors of Parishes and Vicars of Missions, or if there is none, then the Senior Warden of the congregation, shall have authority to fill such vacancies as may occur from the list of Alternate Lay Delegates between the time of such election and any meetings of the Convention. Lay Delegates shall be confirmed communicants in good standing, at least 18 years of age.

Every Parish and Mission in union with the Convention shall be entitled to Lay Delegates determined by the number of confirmed communicants reported in the Annual Parochial Report for the year ending December 31 next preceding the Diocesan Convention, as provided by Canon.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 3
THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CONVENTION

The Convention of this Diocese shall assemble in the month of November at a place, time, and date set by the Bishop and Executive Council.

All meetings of the Convention of this Diocese shall be held in Fort Worth, Texas; provided, however, that an Annual Convention shall have the authority, if it so chooses, to designate the place of the next meeting of the Convention; and for sufficient cause the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may change the date of meeting or appoint some other place for holding the Convention; provided that thirty (30) days notice of such change shall be given to each Parish and Mission in union with the Convention.

Revised November 1995

ARTICLE 4
SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CONVENTION

The Bishop, or a majority of all members of the Standing Committee, may call a special meeting of the Convention upon thirty (30) days notice thereof.

When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention, giving thirty (30) days notice thereof.

At any special meeting of the Convention, the only business to be transacted shall be specified in the call.

Revised October 1989

ARTICLE 5 QUORUM

At any meeting of the Convention of this Diocese a quorum necessary to transact business shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the Clergy entitled to seats therein and Lay Delegates from one-third (1/3) of the Parishes and Missions in union with the Convention; but a smaller number shall have the power to adjourn from day to day until a quorum is obtained.

Revised October 1989

ARTICLE 6 PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

The permanent officers of the Diocese shall be: the Bishop of the Diocese; the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one; the Suffragan Bishop or Bishops, and Assistant Bishop or Bishops, if there be any; The Standing Committee; Secretary; Treasurer; Chancellor; Registrar; and Historiographer. Officers who are Clergy shall be canonically resident in the Diocese and Lay Officers shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission of the Diocese.

Officers who are not members of the Convention shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members except the right to vote. If any officer, except a member of The Standing Committee should die or become incapable of acting, the duties of such officer shall be discharged until the succeeding Convention by some one appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by The Standing Committee. The term of office of all officers, unless provided for either by this Constitution or Canon, shall be for one year or until their successors are elected.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 7 PRESIDING OFFICER OF CONVENTION

At every meeting of the Convention, the Bishop shall be presiding officer. In the Bishop's absence, or inability to act, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, shall be presiding officer. In the absence or inability to act of both the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishops, if there be any, in the order of seniority within the Diocese shall be presiding officer. In the absence or inability to act of any Bishop, the President of The Standing Committee shall be presiding officer.

The presiding officer shall not participate in debate and shall not vote upon any question coming before the Convention nor in any election. The presiding officer may express his or her views to the Convention upon any subject after debate thereon has been closed and before the vote is taken.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 8 RULES OF CONVENTION

At every meeting of the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate as one body. Unless a vote by orders is determined, required or otherwise provided by the Constitution or Canons, a majority of the aggregate votes shall be decisive. Whenever a vote by orders is determined, required or otherwise provided, a concurrent majority in both orders shall be necessary. Upon demand of any seven (7) members of the Convention representing not less than three (3) Parishes or Missions of the Diocese, the vote shall be taken by orders.

The Convention may adopt rules of procedure to regulate and expedite the orderly disposition of its business, including elections other than those governed by Article 16 of this Constitution.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 9 CONGREGATIONS IN UNION WITH CONVENTION

Every Parish and Mission which shall have been created or admitted in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, shall be deemed to be in union with and entitled to representation in the Convention of the Diocese, unless deprived of such right either through suspension or dissolution.

If a Parish or Mission shall fail to pay its assessment as levied by the Convention, it shall be suspended from the right of representation in the Convention, unless such right be granted by a concurrent majority vote of both orders.

With the consent of the Bishop, any Parish or Mission which shall fail to conform with requirements prescribed by Canon or special resolution may be wholly dissolved by a concurrent two-thirds (2/3) vote of both orders. Such action can be taken only at an Annual Convention.

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**ARTICLE 10
THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Standing Committee shall consist of three (3) Priests entitled to seats in the Diocesan Convention and three (3) Lay Persons who shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing in this Diocese at least eighteen (18) years of age and who shall possess such other qualifications as may be prescribed by Canon.

When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, The Standing Committee shall be his or her Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop canonically authorized to act, The Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

The Members of The Standing Committee shall be elected by ballot by a concurrent majority of each order at an Annual Convention. Their terms of office shall be for three (3) years or until their successors are elected. At each Annual Convention one (1) Priest and one (1) Lay Member of The Standing Committee shall be elected.

Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of the term of any member of this Committee shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the remaining members of The Standing Committee. The person so elected shall fill out the unexpired term, constituting a first term of office if said unexpired term is for two or more years.

No member of The Standing Committee may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The Standing Committee shall keep a record of all its official acts and shall report them to the Convention.

Revised November 2010

**ARTICLE 11
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

There shall be an Executive Council, established by the Canons, which shall exercise all the powers of the Convention between meetings thereof, implementing the directives and policies of that body, initiating and developing new work, but not acting in conflict with the expressed will of the Convention.

The Finance Committee shall be a Committee of The Executive Council.

The Executive Council shall have the power for serious cause to adjust and alter the budget adopted by Convention.

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**ARTICLE 12
DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION**

The Annual Convention in the second year preceding a stated meeting of General Convention shall elect by ballot four (4) Priests or Deacons and four (4) Lay Persons as Deputies to the General Convention. The Annual Convention in the year preceding a stated meeting of General Convention shall elect by ballot four (4) Priests or Deacons and four (4) Lay Persons as Alternate Deputies to the General Convention. Deputies and Alternate Deputies shall take office on the first day of January in the year in which the General Convention is to be held and shall hold office until their successors take office. They shall possess the same qualifications as members of the Standing Committee and shall be elected by a concurrent majority of both orders.

The Bishop shall assign the Alternate Deputies according to the order of their election to fill any vacancy in the deputation. In case there be no Bishop or he or she is unable to act, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

Revised November 2010

**ARTICLE 13
THE SEE CITY AND THE CATHEDRAL**

The City of Fort Worth is hereby declared to be the See City of this Diocese.

The Bishop and a Parish in the See City may agree to the designation of that Parish as The Cathedral under such terms as both approve.

Revised November 2010

**ARTICLE 14
TITLE TO CHURCH PROPERTY**

The title to all real estate acquired for the use of the Church in this Diocese, including the real property of all Parishes and Missions, as well as Diocesan Institutions, shall be held subject to control of the Church in The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth acting by and through a corporation known as "Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth." All such property as well as all property hereafter acquired for the use of the Church and the Diocese, including Parishes and Missions, shall be vested in Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth shall hold real property acquired for the use of a particular Parish or Mission in trust for the use and benefit of such Parish or Mission. The

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income from such property shall belong to such Parish or Mission, which will be responsible for expenses attributable thereto. Such property may not be conveyed, leased or encumbered by Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth without the consent of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of such Parish or Mission. Upon dissolution of such Parish or Mission, property held in trust for it shall revert to said Corporation for the use and benefit of the Diocese, as such.

All other property belonging to the Diocese, as such, shall be held in the name of the Corporation known as "Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth", and no conveyance or encumbrance of any kind shall be valid unless executed by such Corporation and as may otherwise be provided by the Canons of the Diocese.

Revised October 1989

ARTICLE 15 POWER TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS

The Convention of this Diocese shall have power to raise money by assessment or other means upon the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese. The manner of fixing such assessment upon the various Parishes and Missions may either be specified by Canon or by resolution of the Convention. The Convention may by Canon prescribe such regulations and penalties as it may deem expedient to secure the prompt payment of assessments.

Revised October 1989

ARTICLE 16 FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE

There shall be a Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate which shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Trustees, all of whom shall be members of the Church in this Diocese. This Board shall consist of not fewer than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members, only two (2) of whom may be Clergy. All trustees shall be nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Convention at the Annual Meeting. The Trustees shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected.

They shall be entrusted with the investment and management of the Fund. They shall make an annual report of the Fund to the Annual Convention.

After paying the necessary expenses incident to the management of this Fund, ten percent (10%) of the net annual income remaining shall be returned to and become a part of the Fund. The remainder of the said net income shall be applied, so far as may be necessary, toward the support of the Bishop of this Diocese, and of the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and of any Suffragan or Assistant Bishop if there be any.

Revised November 2010

ARTICLE 17
ELECTION OF BISHOPS AND CALLING OF AN ASSISTANT BISHOP

The election of a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Suffragan Bishop for this Diocese shall take place at the regular meeting of the Convention or at a special meeting of the Convention called for that purpose. A concurrent majority of the two orders shall be necessary to a choice if two-thirds (2/3) of all the Clergy entitled to vote and Lay Delegates from two-thirds (2/3) of the Parishes and Missions entitled to representation are present and voting; otherwise, two-thirds (2/3) of the votes in each order present shall be necessary to a choice. In any event, the election may not occur unless a quorum be and remain present.

The Bishop may call an Assistant Bishop in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Revised October 1989

ARTICLE 18
CANONS

Canons consistent with this Constitution may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed at any Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth by a majority vote of the Convention, provided that no new Canon and no alteration, amendment, or repeal of an existing Canon shall be adopted unless the same shall have been filed in writing with the Secretary of the Convention not less than sixty (60) days before the meeting of the Convention. The Secretary shall, not less than forty-five (45) days before the meeting of the Convention, deliver copies of all proposed amendments or alterations to the Canons to the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. The Committee shall report thereon to the Convention on the first day of the meeting.

Where any amendment of a Canon has been so proposed and referred to the Committee, amendments thereto may be made from the floor of the Convention if within the judgment of the presiding officer of the Convention such amendments are germane to the pending amendment.

No other amendments or alterations to the Canons shall be considered at that meeting except by unanimous consent of the Convention.

Changes to the existing Canons shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of Convention. Typographical errors may be corrected by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and reported to the Convention.

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ARTICLE 19
ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal for an alteration or an amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing at an Annual Convention and shall be referred to and be reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Canons consisting of at least two (2) members of the Clergy and two (2) Lay Persons. If the proposal, together with any amendments pertinent thereto, receives the majority vote of the Convention, it shall be printed in the Journal and shall lay over until the next Annual Convention. If approved by a concurrent majority of the vote of both orders at the next Annual Convention, the Constitution shall be altered or amended accordingly. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention. Typographical errors may be corrected by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and reported to the Convention.

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ENABLING CLAUSE

The Constitution shall commence and be in full force and effect on January 1, 1983.