

Amendments to Resolution CC-2 (proposed Canons III.1 and III.11)

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I move that Resolution CC-2 for adoption of the proposed amended and restated Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, be amended to provide for additional seat, voice and vote of a representative to the Executive Council from each deanery, as follows:

1. Renumber Canon III.1.2.3 to III.1.2.4.

2. Add new Canon at III.1.2.3, as follows:

III.1.2.3. Elected Deanery Representatives (with seat, voice, and vote)

1.2.3.1. Each deanery shall elect one (1) representative to the Executive Council, as provided in Canon III.11.6.

3. Add new Canon III.11.6, as follows:

III.11.6. Elected Deanery Representatives to Executive Council (with seat, voice, and vote).

11.6.1. At the meeting, which occurs within 30 days prior to the Diocesan Convention, each Deanery shall elect from its membership one (1) Representative to serve a one (1) year term on the Executive Council. The election shall be by a majority vote of those present. The Elected Representative may be a member of the clergy or lay person and must meet and maintain the General Qualifications for Diocesan Officials. The Elected Deanery Representative shall attend and participate at each Executive Council meeting and prepare a written report of the Executive Council meeting to be presented at the next Deanery meeting. The Elected Deanery Representative shall coordinate with the Dean on matters that need to be presented at Executive Council meetings and on matters resulting from the Executive Council meetings.

11.6.2. Each Deanery shall also elect from its membership one (1) Alternate Deanery Representative to serve in the place of the Elected Deanery Representative when the Elected Deanery Representative is unable to attend an Executive Council meeting. The election shall be by a majority vote of those present. The Alternate Deanery Representative shall have the same qualifications and term of office as the Elected Deanery Representative.

11.6.3. If the Elected Deanery Representative vacates the position, the Alternate Deanery Representative shall complete the term of the Elected Deanery Representative. If the Alternate Representative vacates the position, the Deanery shall, at its next meeting, hold an election to fill the vacancy.

4. These changes would first be effective for the term of the Executive Council which begins following the Diocesan Convention in 2016.

Explanation:

Several of the smaller deaneries were concerned that they might not get adequate representation on the Executive Council with at-large elected representatives under the proposed canons. This amendment, which the C&C Committee considers a friendly amendment, has addressed that concern by adding one elected representative with seat, voice and vote from each of the five deaneries.