

Explanation of Changes to the Proposed Canons 09-15-2021

Gender Neutral Language

As applicable, uses gender neutral language throughout the Canons (e.g. Chairman, now Chair; he, now their)

Canon 1

Section 1.1

This amendment is proposed to clarify the list of Clerical Members of Convention to include ALL Bishops (Co-Adjutor, Suffragan Bishop, Retired Bishops in Residence, Bishop Emeritus, etc) and to clarify that Chaplains at Episcopal Schools who are ordained in full-communication partner Churches may be given seat and voice at Convention, but not vote.

Canon 4

Section 4.3.5

This amendment is proposed to provide flexibility for use of 'surplus funds' from shared travel allocations during Diocesan Convention so that they may accrue during years where the majority of delegates attend on their home island of O'ahu. The intent is to allow the funds to accrue over several years and ultimately be used for travel to future Diocesan Conventions held on neighboring islands when travel expenses are higher.

Canon 6

Section 6.7

Per the request of the Diocesan Support Center we propose striking the section requiring the Committee on Necrology to create lists and memorials or resolutions

Canon 8

Section 8.4

This amendment clarifies that a Treasurer does not necessarily receive a salary. In the future, if a Treasurer does receive a salary, then after review by the Standing Committee, a recommendation will be sent to Diocesan Council for their consideration.

Canon 13

Section 13.1

The amendment proposed would provide for a more even representation on Diocesan Council from all islands

Section 13.4.3

Refers to the corporate name of the Diocese, The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, when referring to personnel employed in the Diocesan Support Center

Canon 14

Section 14.1

The amendment updates the terminology used to define the nationwide Episcopal Church, in accordance with the National Canons.

Canon 14.4

Refers to the corporate name of the Diocese, The Episcopal Church in Hawai`i, when referring to personnel employed in the Diocesan Support Center

Canon 15

Section 15.3

This amendment updates the language to remove the outdated term Deaconesses/Professional Church Workers and include Licensed Lay Ministries.

Sections 15.3.1-15.3.9

This amendment adds the definitive language for the Licensed Lay Ministry roles from the National Canons.

Section 15.5

This amendment is an update to coincide with the new numbering of the National Canons.

Canon 29 (New 22)

Section 22.5

This amendment is an update to the age of qualified voters that is synonymous with the National Canons.

Canon 22 (New 28)

Sections 28.1.1-28.1-3

This amendment provides clarity.

Section 28.2

This amendment simplifies the terminology and defines the process of a Parish becoming an Aided Parish.

Section 28.4 and 28.4.1

This amendment clarifies and simplifies the terminology as a return to Parish status (vs. Restoration)

Canon 19 (New 29)

Section 29.4.2 c

This amendment is an update to the age of qualified voters that is synonymous with the National Canons.

Section 29.4.2 e

This amendment adds the other officer positions that may exist in a mission for the nomination to the Bishop.

Canon 25 (New 33)

Section 33.1

This amendment clarifies the position of Vicar within a Mission.

Section 33.3

This amendment adds language from the National Canons.

Canon 23 (New 34)

Section 34.1-34.3

This amendment simplifies the terminology and defines the process of a Parish becoming a Mission and uses the term Preaching Station (term used in the National Canons) instead of Unorganized Mission

Section 34.1A and 34.3

This amendment simplifies the wording of the process and uses a more standard Preaching Station (term used in the National Canons) instead of Unorganized Mission.

Canon 35

This amendment adds language from the National Canons.

Canon 42.4

Section 42.4 updated to last approved version of that section of the Canon

Canon 43

This amendment strikes language that applied to outdated information (from 2011) and adds the language from the National Canons.

Canon 46

Section 46.2.4

This amendment adds language to automatically apply changes to the numerology of the National Canons as a cross reference into the Diocesan Canons.