

**Diocese of New Jersey
Memorandum on Part IV of
Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons 2012**

Introduction

Some members of Convention have asked for a text-comparison for Part IV of the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons (Document 27), proposing a complete revision of Part IV (Local Congregations and Their Structure) of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey. In the interests of transparency, this Memorandum will attempt to provide such data for those who may find it useful for their deliberations. It will be broken down by the proposed new canons, canon by canon.

Explanatory comments in brackets will precede the text comparisons. As with the Appendices to the Report of the Committee, deletions are shown by strikethrough and insertions by bold double-underline. Because the comparison is computer-generated, the placing of insertions and deletions may be confusing but cannot be helped. Also, the comparison process modifies some formatting; for correct formatting please refer to the Committee Report.

CANON 46

Classification of Congregations

[Categories are reduced. The Committee on Congregational Life (formerly the not-canonically-recognized Committee on Classification) is established and will report classification changes to Convention instead of the Bishop, following current practice.]

SECTION 1. All Congregations which are a part of the Diocese of New Jersey shall be classified in one of the following categories:

1. **The Cathedral**
- ~~2.~~ **Parishes**
 - ~~a.~~ Independent Parishes ~~b.~~ **, including** Associated Parishes
- ~~2-3.~~ **Missions**
 - ~~a.~~ Organized Missions
 - (1) Full ministry
 - (2) Partial ministry
 - ~~b.~~ Incorporated Missions
 - (1) Full ministry
 - (2) Partial ministry
 - ~~c.~~ Unorganized Missions
- ~~3-4.~~ **Chapels**
 - ~~a.~~ Parochial Chapels ~~b.~~ Seasonal Chapels
 - ~~b.~~ Collegiate Chapels
 - c. Institutional Chapels**
 - d. Parochial Chapels**

Classification shall be determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. ~~The Bishop shall present to the Convention.~~ **Each Congregation of the Diocese shall be governed in the manner provided in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese for Congregations in its category.**

SECTION 2. There shall be a Committee on Congregational Life appointed by the Bishop to consist of not fewer than six persons, including a Chair. It will be the responsibility of this Committee to assist the Ecclesiastical Authority in developing plans for the renewal and revitalization of congregations identified as being in need and in determining facts relevant to any change in the classification of a congregation. The Committee will submit to the Convention, annually and at least 30 days before the opening day of Convention, a written list of the Classification of the Congregations of the Diocese which list of proposed changes in the classification of congregations as approved by the Ecclesiastical Authority. Such changes in classification may be ratified as presented or adopted with amendment by the Convention. The determination of the Convention shall be final, and each Congregation of the Diocese shall be governed in the manner provided in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese for Congregations in its category.

CANON 47

Boundaries

[Section reorganization and replacement of the term "Minister". Reference to former TEC Canon III.21.5(a) deleted as no longer in effect. Reference to varieties of Missions deleted as unnecessary; Institutional Chapels inserted.]

SECTION 1. The boundaries of a parish or a missionary cure shall be the limits as fixed by law of the municipality in which the parish or mission is located. If there be but one parish or mission within the limits of a municipality it shall be deemed the Cure of the ~~Minister~~**member of the clergy** having charge thereof. If there be two or more parishes or missions therein it shall be deemed the Cure of the ~~Ministers~~**members of the clergy having charge** thereof.**SECTION 2.** The Bishop may extend the boundaries of a parish or mission to include all or part of the municipalities adjacent to a parish or mission and adjacent to each other, provided there be no parish or mission already located in the adjacent municipality. A list of all such boundary extensions shall be printed annually in the Journal of the Diocese.

~~SECTION 3.~~**SECTION 2.** All territory in the Diocese not included within the boundaries of a parish or mission by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Canon shall be deemed to be the Cure of the Bishop of the Diocese ~~for the purposes of Title III, Canon 21, Section 5(a) of the Episcopal Church.~~

~~SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Canon the terms mission and missionary cure shall include Organized Missions, Incorporated Missions, and Parochial Chapels, and the term parish shall include Independent Parishes and Associated Parishes. Ministers~~**SECTION 3. Members of the clergy** in charge of or officiating either ~~in~~**in Seasonal Chapels,** Collegiate Chapels, ~~or in Seasonal~~**Institutional** Chapels shall not be deemed to hold a Cure in the Diocese or to have pastoral jurisdiction over any territory in the Diocese.

CANON 48

Formation of New Parishes and Erection of New Church Buildings

[Comparison is to current Canon 48, which covers consents for both the formation of new parishes and the erection of buildings; provisions for formation of parishes are transferred to proposed Canon 60 and removed from 48. Some capitalization changes; otherwise no substantive changes.]

~~SECTION 1. The formation of a new Parish, or the~~**The** erection of a Church**church** building or Chapel**chapel** on a new site, must have the previous written consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.

~~SECTION 2. Before consent can be given to the formation of a new Parish, the persons desiring such consent shall at a duly convened meeting make application, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting and as many of those present as possible, declaring that the said Parish will: (1) at all times adhere to and observe the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America existing at the time of its formation and as may thereafter be amended, and the laws of the State of New Jersey; (2) be subject to the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey; or in case of a division of the Diocese, to that of the Bishop within those jurisdictions it may come; (3) apply as soon as possible after its incorporation for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese, and become subject to the Constitution and Canons thereof; (4) pay its Rector no less than the canonical minimum salary and provide a rectory or other suitable living quarters; and, (5) hold all parish assets in trust in perpetuity for the Episcopal Church and the Diocese.~~ SECTION 3. The application required as above, and any Any application for the erecting of a Church~~church~~ building or Chapel~~chapel~~ on a new site, shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Bishop, who shall forthwith lay the matter before the Standing Committee, and at the same time give notice by registered mail to the three Parishes whose Houses~~houses~~ of worship are nearest to the location of the proposed new Parish~~or building~~, that such application has been made and that any objections submitted to the Bishop in writing within thirty days after the date of mailing the notice will be duly considered.

~~SECTION 4. No new parish shall be formed unless and until it can show satisfactory evidence to the Bishop and Standing Committee that its equipment, buildings and land holdings are sufficient to serve and maintain its Congregation in independent status, and that its current operating expenses and indebtedness, if any, are within the present means of the Congregation.~~ SECTION 5. After the expiration of said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall proceed to the consideration of the application and of any objections thereto and shall advise the Bishop of their conclusions. If approval be given, the Bishop may then give Canonical~~canonical~~ consent in the following form:

The formation of a new Parish (or the erection of a new Church or Chapel) in the city (or town) of, County of to be known as Church (or Chapel), having been duly considered by the Standing Committee and approved by them, I do hereby give my Canonical~~canonical~~ consent to the formation of said Parish (or the erection of said Church or Chapel).
Given under my hand this..... day of..... in the year of our Lord, two thousand

Bishop of New Jersey

Attest:

.....
Secretary of Standing Committee

~~SECTION 6. No Parish shall be entitled to Episcopal visitations and ministrations until it shall have complied with the provisions of this Canon.~~

CANON 49

The Cathedral

[Canon moved from Canon 38, to which this is compared. Corrections of references to Joint Consolidation Agreement. Consolidation of membership of Chapter and reference to former Archdeacon made; staggering of terms deleted in light of Canon 75(3). New reference to Minor Chapter inserted conforming to Constitution and Bylaws of Cathedral.]

SECTION 1. Trinity Cathedral of the Diocese of New Jersey, situated at Trenton in the Diocese of New Jersey, is designated as The Cathedral of the Diocese, with the rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon it by law and by the joint consolidation agreement made and Joint Consolidation Agreement en-

tered into on the third day of May 4, 1949, by and between the corporation formed by direction of the Diocesan Convention and known as The Cathedral Church of the Diocese of New Jersey, and the parish corporation known as Trinity Cathedral in the Diocese of New Jersey, **and by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cathedral adopted pursuant to law. such Agreement.**

SECTION 2. The governing body of Trinity Cathedral, ~~as provided in and by the joint consolidation agreement, and the constitution and by laws adopted and approved for its government and management,~~ shall be a Chapter. ~~SECTION 3. The Chapter shall consist of the Bishop, who shall be the presiding officer; the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, the Suffragan Bishops, if there be any; the Archdeacons of the Diocese, if there be any; the Dean of the Cathedral; the Archdeacon, if there be any; four presbyters, and four lay persons elected by the Diocesan Convention for three-year terms; three members appointed in writing by the Bishop for three-year terms; the following members elected by and from the Cathedral congregation, namely, a Senior Warden, and a Junior Warden; each elected for two-year terms, and nine other lay persons elected for three-year terms; and a Treasurer and a Clerk elected by the Chapter.~~

SECTION 3. There shall be a Minor Chapter, within the Chapter, which shall have such powers and duties as provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cathedral, and which shall consist of the Bishop, who shall be the presiding officer; the Dean of the Cathedral; the Junior and Senior Wardens; the nine lay persons elected by the Cathedral congregation; and the Treasurer and the Clerk.

SECTION 4. ~~The members first~~ **Members of the Chapter** ~~elected by the Convention after the adoption of this Canon shall be elected as follows: One member of the clergy and one lay person for one year, two members of the clergy and one lay person for two years, and one member of the clergy and two lay persons for three years. Thereafter their respective successors shall be elected for three years. Such members may not be elected to succeed themselves, but may be re-elected~~ **reelected** ~~after the expiration of at least one year. The members first appointed in writing by the Bishop after the adoption of this Canon shall be appointed for one, two and three years, respectively, and their successors for three years.~~

~~The Senior Warden and Junior Warden elected by the Cathedral congregation shall be elected for a term of two years.~~

~~The nine lay persons first elected by the Cathedral congregation after the adoption of this Canon shall be elected as follows: three for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and their respective successors shall be elected for three years. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Chapter at its annual meeting. The Treasurer shall to hold office for one year and until a successor is elected. The Clerk shall be one of the members elected by the Cathedral congregation; the Clerk shall be elected by the Chapter at its annual meeting for such period as it may prescribe. Vacancies in the Cathedral Chapter shall be filled as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cathedral.~~

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall annually report to the Convention the condition of the affairs of the Cathedral committed to the Treasurer's charge.

CANON 50

Election of Church Officers in Parishes and Missions

[Comparison is to current Canon 49, which referenced only parishes; proposal includes similar procedures for mission congregations who also elect officers and a Mission Committee. Arbitrariness of voter qualification reduced by requiring reference to Treasurer records. Election of Convocation Representatives added from Canon 30(3). "Vestrymembers" distinguished from "members of the vestry" (which includes wardens) in this and subsequent canons.]

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting in every Parish for the election of officers, prayers having been said immediately before said meeting, and due notice having been given as required by law. Said meeting shall be held on a date which may be fixed at a regular or special meeting of the Congregation. **There shall be an annual meeting for those Missions that elect officers, to be held also with opening prayers and upon like notice.**

SECTION 2. The voters shall be **persons entitled to vote at such meetings must be:**

- (a) baptized,
- (b) at least sixteen (16) years of age, domiciled in the Parish or adjacent thereto,
- (c) of good moral character;
- (d) adhering to ~~this~~ **The Episcopal** Church and to no other religious body,
- (e) regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish **or Mission**, meaning thereby those who are more frequently present than absent unless for a good cause prevented and
- (f) regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish **or Mission** for six months next before the said annual meeting in the manner prescribed by the Vestry of said Parish. Any voters not baptized or confirmed.

A record of the regular contributors for the support of the Parish or Mission shall be maintained by the Treasurer, with the dates of their contributions. Such records shall be sufficient evidence as to the qualification of a voter with respect to the last preceding requirement. Any voters not baptized in the Parish or Mission must have been enrolled as members of the Parish in accordance with the provisions of the Canons, or must be baptized persons who have been received on their written request to the Rector or to one of the Wardens if there be no Rector; and said Rector of The Episcopal Church, Rectors, Vicars, or Wardens shall keep a list of all members of the Congregation who have been received as voters, which list shall be open to inspection by the members of the Parish Congregation. No one shall be permitted to vote or be eligible to office in more than one Parish or Mission in this Diocese, although members of a Parish or Mission may be eligible also to vote or hold office in a Chapel.

SECTION 3. At said annual meeting the qualified voters shall elect by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast, to serve for the ensuing year, from among the voters in the Parish, three Deputies and three alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, and a Warden or Wardens, who shall all be communicants in good standing; and also such other ~~Members of the Vestry and~~ **Vestrymembers or Mission Committee members, and such** other officers as may be provided for by the ~~Charter of the Parish, who shall~~ **Parish or Mission charter or bylaws, and six Representatives to the Convocation in which the Congregation is located, who shall all** be communicants if such suitable for the office can be found.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Canon, the term "Communicant" **communicant** shall be as defined by the Constitution and Canons of ~~the~~ **The** Episcopal Church.

SECTION 5. No provision of this Canon which may conflict with **the** Charter of any Parish shall have any force in such Parish.

See also: Canon 30, Section 3 – Election of Representatives to Convocation

CANON 51

Duties of Rectors, Vicars, Wardens, and Vestrymembers or Mission Committee Members

[Comparison is to current Canon 50, which references only parishes. Clarification of "Church" as referring to church buildings. Section 3 is new, referring to proposed Canon 53.]

SECTION 1. The Rector or Vicar has exclusive charge, under the Canons, of all things affecting the spiritual interests of the Parish, subject only to the Bishop. It is the Rector's or Vicar's duty to give orders concerning the worship of the Church, together with all that appertains thereto. The Rector or Vicar may from time to time appoint fit and proper persons to perform under his or her supervision, such duties relative to the service and the decoration of the Church church buildings as may be properly done by laity. The Rector or Vicar shall be at all times entitled to access to the Church church buildings, to open the same for public worship, for catechetical or other religious instruction, marriages, baptisms, funerals, and all other offices authorized by the Church. The Rector or Vicar shall have spiritual direction and control of all Sunday Schools, Parish Schools, and other educational and charitable associations connected with the Parish, and shall preside, with right to vote, at all Parish and Vestry meetings or Mission and Mission Committee meetings.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Wardens and Members Vestrymembers or members of the Vestry Mission Committee, under the Rector or Vicar, to protect the Church property, and to see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God, and for the administration of the Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church, be provided. ~~SECTION 3.—~~ It shall also be ~~the~~ their duty of the Wardens and Members of the Vestry to see that the funds of the Parish or Mission are expended properly, ~~and to provide for~~ the maintenance of the Rector or Vicar, and in the case of a Parish to elect and call the Rector and provide for the Rector's maintenance.

SECTION 3. All members of the congregation are responsible for the goals set forth in Canon 53 as implemented by Effective Ministry Standards.

See Revised Statutes of New Jersey, Sections 16:12–6, –7, and –9

CANON 52

The Calling of a Rector or an Assistant

[Comparison is to current Canon 51, which applied only to parishes. References to "Bishop" changed to "Ecclesiastical Authority" in conformity with other canons. Provisions added for interim rector or vicar or priest-in-charge. Thirty-day period in Section 2 corrected to sixty days in conformity with TEC Canon III.9.3(a)(2) and in Section 4 in conformity with Canon III.9.3(c).]

SECTION 1. When a Parish is without a Rector, or Mission is without a Vicar, the Wardens or other proper officers shall promptly notify the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. If the authorities of the Parish or Mission shall for thirty days have failed to make provision for services of public worship, it shall be the duty of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority to take such measures as may be deemed expedient for the temporary conduct of public worship. After consultation with the Vestry or Mission Committee, the Bishop may appoint a priest to serve as Interim pending the election of a Rector or appointment of a Vicar, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement with the Parish or Mission.

SECTION 2. ~~No~~ In the case of a Parish, no election of a Rector shall be had until the name of the Priest whom it is proposed to elect has been made known to the Bishop, ~~if there be one~~ Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and sufficient time, not exceeding ~~thirty~~ sixty days, has been given to the Bishop ~~Ec-~~ clesiastical Authority to communicate with the Vestry thereon, nor until such communication, if made within that period, has been considered by the ~~Parish or~~ Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose. ~~SECTION 3.—~~ Written notice of the election, signed by the Wardens, shall be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. If the Ecclesiastical Authority be satisfied that the person so chosen is a duly qualified Priest and that the Priest has accepted the office, the notice shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record it. The record shall be sufficient evidence of the relation between the Priest and the Parish. ~~SECTION 4.—~~ The Bishop may submit to the Vestry the names of several clergy

whom the Bishop considers suitable to be chosen as Rector. **Rectors may have a letter of agreement with the Parish setting forth mutual responsibilities, subject to the Bishop's approval.**

SECTION 5. 3. After consultation with the Vestry, the Bishop may appoint a Priest to serve as Priest-in-Charge of any Congregation in which there is no Rector or Vicar. In such Congregations, the Priest-in-Charge shall exercise the duties of Rector or Vicar subject to the authority of the Bishop, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement with the Parish or Mission; Priests-in-Charge shall be eligible thereafter to serve as Rector or Vicar in such Congregation.

SECTION 4. All assistant Clergy ~~clergy in a Parish~~, by whatever title they may be designated, shall be selected by the Rector, subject to the approval of the Vestry, and shall serve under the authority and direction of the Rector. Before the selection of an assistant, the name of the ~~Member~~ **member** of the Clergy ~~clergy~~ proposed for selection shall be made known to the ~~Bishop~~ **Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese** and sufficient time, not exceeding ~~thirty~~ **sixty** days, shall be given for the ~~Bishop~~ **Ecclesiastical Authority** to communicate with the Rector and Vestry on the selection. Written notice of the selection of an assistant shall be sent forthwith to the Ecclesiastical Authority by the Rector and Wardens. Any assistant selected shall serve at the discretion of the Rector, but may not serve beyond the period of service of the Rector except that, pending the call of a new Rector, the assistant may continue in the service of the ~~parish~~ **Parish** if requested to do so by the Vestry of the Parish and under such conditions as the ~~Bishop~~ **Ecclesiastical Authority** and Vestry shall determine.

See Revised Statutes of New Jersey, Section 16:12-7

CANON 53

Parishes and Effective Ministry Standards

[Canon 53 is entirely new in canons of this diocese.]

CANON 54

Associated Parishes

[Comparison is to current Canon 52. Capitalization changes. Since the Bishop and Standing Committee will have approved the proposed Rector, the sixty-day notice period is waived in Section 1(d). Reference to Convocation representatives added. Reclassification issues addressed. The Committee continues current contemplation of association being between two independent parishes; if association of missions is desired this should be addressed in the future.]

SECTION 1. When two or more ~~parishes~~ **Independent Parishes** wish to share the services of a priest as ~~rector~~ **Rector** of both ~~parishes~~ **Parishes**, they may make application to the Bishop. The application shall include resolutions passed by each ~~vestry~~ **Vestry**, two-thirds of all the members thereof concurring, stating:

- (1a) That they wish to be associated with another ~~parish~~ **Parish** in sharing the services of a ~~rector~~ **Rector**,
- (2b) The name of the priest whom they propose to elect as ~~rector~~ **Rector**,
- (3c) An agreement specifying each ~~parish~~ **Parish**'s share in the support of the ~~rector~~ **Rector**, and
- (4d) An agreement specifying how the ~~rector~~ **Rector**'s services are to be shared.

If the Bishop approves the application the Bishop shall obtain the written consent of the priest named in the application to serve as ~~rector~~ **Rector** under the conditions set forth in the application, and shall then forward the application together with the consent of the proposed ~~rector~~ **Rector** to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for its approval. If the Standing Committee approve the application, the ~~parishes~~ **Par-**

ishes in question shall be designated Associated Parishes and the election of the Rector may proceed without further notice.

SECTION 2. Each Associated Parish shall be entitled to representation in Convention by three lay deputies. Deputies and three Alternate Deputies, and in Convocation by six Representatives.

SECTION 3. If any parish ~~Parish~~ wishes to withdraw from an Associated Parish relationship, it shall first obtain the written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese. Such consent may be conditioned upon the reclassification of one or more of the Parishes involved to Mission status.

SECTION 4. A Mission may enter into an Associated Parish relationship pursuant to the procedures of Section 1 of this Canon if it otherwise qualifies for Parish status and completes all procedures necessary for reclassification prior to the election of the rector of the Associated Parishes.

CANON 55

Missions

[Comparison is to current Canon 54, governing Organized Missions. Section 1(a)(2) is new; 1(b) adds the new mission to the reporting requirements of the Committee on Congregational Life. References to unorganized or existing missions deleted. Provision added in 2(a) for lay leader pending appointment of priest; dollar amount in 2(b) updated. Title of "Missionary" replaced by "Vicar". References to former Archdeacon, to Mission Advancement, Inc., and to the Department of Urban Ministry deleted. Requirement of bylaws added. Convention and Convocation representation specified. Sections reorganized (current Section 10 unchanged in proposed Section 10).]

SECTION 1. (a) (i) The residents of any ~~town, village or neighborhood~~ municipality who may desire the services of the Church, may give notice of their desire to the Bishop of the Diocese, who may take such action as the Bishop may deem proper. If the Bishop approve, application shall be made in the following form:

To the Right Rev....., Bishop of New Jersey:

We, the undersigned residents of the town of....., County of....., Diocese of New Jersey, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us as you think fit. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of said Church, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey, and in accordance with these obligations we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission, under the name of..... Mission..... and we hereby agree to provide the sum of \$..... at least, to support the budget of the Mission for the first year.

(1) —All the adults who are willing to become members of the Mission shall affix their signatures to the application, together with the sum each pledges for its support.

(ii) Alternatively, the Bishop may initiate the formation of a Mission at any time.

(2b) The Bishop shall then give notice of the application to the three Parishes whose ~~Houses~~ houses of worship are nearest to the location of the proposed ~~Organized~~ Mission. If after thirty days from the giving of such notice, there is no objection on the part of the three nearest Parishes, the Bishop may then consent to the action proposed. If objections be made within thirty days, the Bishop shall lay the application and the objections before the Standing Committee, and if the Standing Committee approve, the Bishop may consent to the action proposed, which consent shall be submitted to the next Annual Con-

vention of the Diocese by the Committee on Congregational Life for approval of the classification of such Mission.

(3) — Missions already existing may become Organized Missions as provided in this Canon without notice to the neighboring Parishes.

SECTION 2. #

(a) ~~Following~~ the Bishop's consent to the organization ~~formation~~ of ~~athe~~ Mission, the Bishop shall appoint the Missionary ~~a Vicar, or pending the appointment of a member of the clergy a lay Pastoral Leader~~, who, subject to approval of the Bishop ~~and the Archdeacon~~, shall appoint annually the following officers: A Warden, who shall be a communicant; a Treasurer; and a Secretary. If there be no Missionary ~~Vicar or Pastoral Leader~~, the Archdeacon ~~Bishop~~ may appoint these officers.

(b) When the revenue, exclusive of all appropriations from outside sources, shall amount to more than \$10,000 ~~25,000~~ per annum, said officers shall be elected annually by the voters of the Mission at an annual meeting of the Mission to be held on a date in the month of January, due notice of said meeting being given in the same manner as prescribed for parishes. The qualifications for voters shall be the same as those for voters in parish elections. **The voters shall also adopt bylaws, subject to the approval of the Bishop, and shall elect Deputies, Alternate Deputies, and Representatives pursuant to the provisions of Canon 50, Section 3.**

SECTION 3. The Warden, subject to the approval of the Missionary ~~Vicar~~, shall provide a place of public worship; see that the same be kept clean and in good repair and furnished with all things necessary for conducting the services of the Church decently and in order. ~~SECTION 4.— The Warden shall keep a record of events of importance to the Mission, and a list of its families and members; and in case the Missionary provide and if the Vicar be nonresident, shall have the custody of the Register of Baptisms, Confirmation, etc., required by Canon 73 but shall not make entries therein except by the Missionary Vicar's request unless there be no Missionary Vicar.~~

~~SECTION 5.—~~ **SECTION 4.** The Treasurer shall receive all money contributed by the Mission and disburse the same as directed by the officers. The Treasurer shall report to the Archdeacon ~~Bishop~~ and the Board of Missions periodically as directed.

~~SECTION 6.—~~ **5.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall perform the normal duties of this office.

~~SECTION 7.—~~ **6.** The Missionary ~~Vicar~~ shall preside at all meeting of the officers with right to vote. The Missionary ~~Vicar~~ shall appoint the Sexton, Organist, Choir, Sunday School Superintendent and any other helper the Missionary ~~Vicar~~ may find necessary. If there be no Missionary ~~Vicar~~, such appointment shall be made by the Warden, with the approval of the Archdeacon ~~Bishop~~.

SECTION 8.— ~~7.~~ The title to real estate, given to or purchased by the Mission for Church purposes, unless otherwise ordered by the members of the Diocesan Council, shall be vested in The Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey, to be held by them until such time as the said property may be sold pursuant to Section 9 of Canon 13, or until such time as the Mission shall become duly incorporated as a Parish and admitted into union with the Convention, when the title may be transferred to the Church corporation if it shall so elect. ~~Mission Advancement, Inc. may be authorized by the members of the Diocesan Council to acquire, mortgage, sell, lease, or otherwise deal with property for mission purposes.~~

SECTION 9.— ~~8.~~ Each Organized Mission shall report monthly to the Archdeacon, ~~Board of Missions~~ and annually to the Bishop of the Diocese, through the Missionary, or, if there be none in charge, through the ~~Vicar, Pastoral Leader, or~~ Secretary, **as may be directed by the Bishop.** Every member of the Mission is expected to pledge a definite sum for its support.

~~SECTION 10. Upon the failure of the Mission to fulfill its stipulations, the Bishop may withdraw the Missionary, and dissolve the organization.~~

~~SECTION 11. Organized Missions shall be entitled to the same representation in Convention as parishes.~~

~~SECTION 12. At the discretion of the Bishop an Organized Mission may be placed under the supervision of the Department of Urban Ministry and the Executive Officer thereof. In such case the power of the Department of Missions and the Archdeacon as set forth above shall vest in the Department of Urban Ministry and its Executive Officer.~~
~~SECTION 13.9.~~ When a Mission reaches a size large enough to warrant additional leadership, the Bishop may, with the consent of the Standing Committee, direct that it shall be organized with the following officers:

- (a) The ~~Missionary~~**Vicar**, appointed by the Bishop
- (b) Two ~~wardens~~**Wardens**, who shall be elected in alternate years by the voters at the annual meeting for two-year terms
- (c) Three, six, or nine ~~mission committee~~**Mission Committee** members, as the Bishop shall determine and as shall be set forth in the Mission's bylaws, who shall be elected by the voters at the annual meeting for three-year terms, one-third being elected each year.
- (d) A ~~treasurer~~**Treasurer**, elected annually by the officers
- (e) A ~~secretary~~**Secretary**, elected annually by the officers.

The duties of these officers shall be the same as those delineated in ~~Section~~**Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 75** of this Canon. and, as regards the Mission Committee, Section 2 of Canon 51. The Bishop's directive, with the Standing Committee's consent, shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Mission and the Board of Missions, and the Mission bylaws shall be amended to conform to it.

SECTION 10. Upon the failure of a Mission to fulfill its purposes, the Bishop may withdraw the Vicar, and dissolve the organization.

See also: Constitution Article VI – Admission of New Parishes; Revised Statutes of New Jersey, Sections 16:12-1 to 12-2

CANON 56

Seasonal Chapels

[Comparison is to current Canon 55. References to Winter Resorts and corresponding meeting date deleted. Voting age for communicant corrected to sixteen. Explicit requirement for bylaws inserted. References to part-year parish status deleted.]

SECTION 1. The temporary residents of any Summer ~~or Winter~~ Resort desiring to maintain regular services for a part of the year may give notice to the Bishop of the Diocese of their desire, who may take such action as the Bishop may deem proper. If the Bishop approves, application shall be made in the following form:

To the Rt. Rev....., Bishop of New Jersey:

We, the undersigned, temporary residents of the town of....., County of....., Diocese of New Jersey, being desirous of obtaining the services of the ~~Protestant~~**The** Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us as you think fit. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of said Church, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey. In accordance with these obligations we are now desirous to be recognized as a Seasonal Chapel under the name of..... Chapel,, and we agree to pay all expenses of the same. Furthermore, it is our wish that this Seasonal Chapel shall be regularly organized as a Mission under Canon 54 ~~or as a Parish under Canon 48~~**56**

whenever in the judgment of the Bishop there shall be enough resident communicants in..... to warrant an all-year organization.

Respectfully your obedient servants,

This application should be signed by all the adults who propose to attend the services of the Seasonal Chapel, and the Bishop shall then take the same action as provided for in the Canons in regard to giving notice to the neighboring parishes as provided for in Canon 54. ~~This~~ **56, Section 1(b). The** Bishop shall, at the Bishop's discretion, appoint clergy to supply for Chapel the services of the Episcopal Church in due season. No member of the clergy shall officiate at any service in a Chapel governed by the provisions of this Canon without the written consent of the Bishop; or, if there be no Bishop, of the Ecclesiastical Authority. **After its formation, each Seasonal Chapel shall adopt bylaws in form subject to approval by the Bishop.**

SECTION 2. (1) — There shall be an annual meeting of every such Congregation ~~either on the Monday after the first Sunday in Advent or the Monday after the first Sunday in August as may be determined by the By-Laws~~ **bylaws** of the Seasonal Chapel for the election of officers. Due notice shall be given of this meeting as required by law in the case of an annual Parish meeting. (2) — The voters shall be baptized ~~attendants~~ **communicants in good standing of The Episcopal Church** at least ~~eighteen~~ **sixteen** years of age who are regular attendants at the services of the ~~Church~~ **Seasonal Chapel** and duly enrolled contributors to the current expenses.

(3a) At the said annual meeting, the qualified voters shall elect by ballot by a majority of votes cast a Board of Trustees for the ensuing year ~~from~~ **from** among the ~~voters~~ **voters** of the ~~Congregation~~ **Seasonal Chapel**. The number of said Board shall be three, six, or nine as determined by the ~~Congregation~~ **by-laws**, of whom one-third shall be elected annually to serve for three- years. At the first election, one-third shall be elected for three- years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year.

(4b) Any Congregation organized and operating under the provisions of this Canon may, at its annual meeting, elect from among its voting members a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church to be its representative to the Diocesan Convention. The representative shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote.

SECTION 3.

(1) — ~~Such a Seasonal Chapel may become a Parish by complying with the provisions of Canon 48 with the exception of Section 2, subsection 4 of that Canon which applies to an all-year Parish.~~

(2) — ~~A Parish organized as provided for in Section 3, subsection 2 of this Canon, may be admitted into union with the Convention by complying with Article VI of the Constitution.~~

(3) — ~~Such a Parish or Seasonal Chapel shall, through its officers, consult with the Bishop and secure the Bishop's approval before requesting any member of the clergy to officiate for the season or a part of the season.~~

(4) — ~~Whenever such a Parish shall continue its services administrations throughout the year the full provisions of Canon 48 shall be in force.~~

~~SECTION 4. Congregations of this character already existing may come under the provisions of this Canon by complying with its terms.~~ SECTION 5. Title to all real and personal property and endowment funds of a Seasonal Chapel, unless otherwise directed by the members of the Diocesan Council, shall be vested in the Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey.

SECTION 6.4. No baptism, confirmations, weddings, or funerals shall be conducted at a Seasonal Chapel without the written consent of the Bishop of the Diocese. ~~SECTION 7. Every Seasonal Chapel shall~~

maintain a register as provided in Canon 73, but duplicate entry of every baptism, confirmation, wedding and funeral shall be made in the register of a neighboring parish Parish or Mission or in the register of the home parish Parish or Mission of the person receiving the rite or sacrament, as the Bishop shall direct. The entry in the register of the Seasonal Chapel shall not be used for ~~Statistical~~ statistical reporting. Every Seasonal Chapel shall maintain a list of the families associated with the Chapel, including the names of the members thereof, and of all individuals not included as members of a family; but it shall not maintain an official communicant list or an official list of baptized members, or include in ~~its~~ annual report any membership statistics.

See also: Canon 47, Section 4

CANON 57

Collegiate Chapels

[Comparison is to current Canon 57. Only change is cross-reference to Canon 73 register requirements.]

SECTION 1. At any institution of higher learning in this Diocese it shall be lawful for the Diocese to establish a college chaplaincy and center for ministry to college students and staff. Such establishments are to be made upon the recommendation of the Bishop and the approval of the Diocesan Council and, if financially supported by the William Alexander Procter Foundation, such Foundation. Chapels or other places of meeting or of worship established at such centers, and their congregations, shall have the status of "Chapels of the Diocese."

SECTION 2. There shall be an advisory committee for each Collegiate Chapel. The members of this committee shall be communicants of this Church in good standing. It shall be the duty of the advisory committee to care for the properties of the Chapel to which they are appointed, to make recommendations to the proper authority for needed repairs and improvements, to ascertain that the use of the Chapel is in accordance with the regulations of the local institution as well as those of the Diocese, and to assist the college chaplain in the furtherance of the church's work on the campus.

SECTION 3. There shall be ~~provided~~ for each Collegiate Chapel a ~~standard register in which shall be recorded all official acts~~ Register as provided in the canons for parishes Canon 73. The Chapel communicant register shall consist only of those persons who have been confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church at the Chapel. It shall be a special duty of the chaplain to seek to transfer such members upon their permanent departure from the institution.

SECTION 4. It shall be lawful for the college chaplain to organize from the faculty and student body of the institution to which the chaplain has been assigned such student vestries, choirs, auxiliaries, guilds and societies as the chaplain may think advisable for the furthering of the ministry of The Episcopal Church on the campus.

SECTION 5. Any Collegiate Chapel congregation operating under the provisions of this canon may elect from among its regular communicants a communicant in good standing of The Episcopal Church to be its deputy to the Diocesan Convention, who shall be entitled to seat, voice, and vote at Diocesan Convention. The chaplain and any member of the advisory committee shall certify the election of the deputy to the Secretary of Diocesan Convention.

SECTION 6. The chaplain and the advisory committee shall make annual reports to the Bishop of the Diocese in such form as the Bishop may direct.

See also: Canon 47, Section 4

CANON 58

Institutional Chapels

[Proposed Canon 58 is entirely new.]

CANON 59

Parochial Chapels

[Proposed Canon 59 is substantially new. It has no cognate language in the current Canon 56. Current Canon 56 provides for Parishes to establish Chapels either in accordance with Plan A (chapel established upon vote of congregation and approval of bishop, with salary of vicar and all expenses the responsibility of the parish until such time as chapel can become independent parish; chapel administered by parish administration) or Plan B(1) (formation requirements not stated, but vicar operates under direction of parish rector; chapel may have administration by a Chapel Committee chaired by parish rector; chapel has responsibility for finances although the parish may contribute; chapel subject to [now obsolete] Diocesan Assessment and Missionary Quota) or Plan B(2)(two or more parishes may on resolutions approved by bishop establish a chapel administered similarly to Plan B(1) chapel, but with one of the rectors designated as Supervising Rector, and with any real property held by the Trustees of Church Property rather than any of the involved parishes). Proposed Canon 59 replaces all this by three sections. Section 1 provides for notice of the application, similar for that required for new church buildings, so the comparison below for section 1 is to sections 1 and 3 of current Canon 48. Provision is added for reporting the Chapel status to Convention through the Committee on Congregational Life. Section 2 is entirely new and provides for flexibility in organization and administration of the Chapel, subject to oversight by the Bishop, and Section 3 is also new, providing for no Convention or Convocational lay representation for the Chapel other than through the parent Parish.]

SECTION 1. ~~The formation of a new Parish, or the erection of a Church building or~~ **establishment of a Parochial Chapel on by a new site, Parish** must have the previous written consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee. ~~SECTION 3. The application required as above, and any An application for the erecting of a Church building or Chapel on a new site, such purpose~~ shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Bishop, who shall ~~forthwith~~ lay the matter before the Standing Committee, and at the same time give notice by registered **or certified** mail to the three Parishes whose ~~Houses~~ **houses** of worship are nearest to the location of the proposed new Parish or building **Parochial Chapel**, that such application has been made and that any objections submitted to the Bishop in writing within thirty days after the date of mailing the notice will be duly considered. **After the expiration of said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall proceed to the consideration of the application and of any objections thereto and shall advise the Bishop of their conclusions. If approval be given, the Bishop may then authorize the Parish to organize a Parochial Chapel upon such conditions as may be set forth in such approval. Upon the establishment of such a Parochial Chapel, the Parish shall cause a copy of a certificate of organization to be forwarded to the Bishop and to the Committee on Congregational Life, which shall report such establishment to the next Diocesan Convention.**

SECTION 2. Unless otherwise provided in the conditions for approval of the Parochial Chapel, the member of the clergy in charge of a Parochial Chapel shall be appointed by the Rector with the consent of the Bishop, shall be subject to the direction of the Rector, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Rector. Title to property and funds allocated to a Parochial Chapel shall be held in the name of the parish, which shall be financially responsible for all operations of the Parochial Chap-

el. The Parish shall make annual reports to the Bishop of the Diocese with respect to the Parochial Chapel in such form as the Bishop may direct.

SECTION 3. Parochial Chapels shall have no lay representation in Diocesan Convention or in Convocations.

CANON 60

Reclassification

[Section 1]

[Proposed Canon 60 is new but incorporates much of the provisions of current canons. Section 1 contains much of the procedural requirements of current Canon 48 for the formation of a new parish, and the comparison below is to such Canon. Reference is made to the Effective Ministry Standards, and provision is made for documenting the representations of the mission congregation. Subsections 1(b) though (d) are new. Sections 2 and 3 of proposed Canon 60 will be addressed following the Section 1 comparison.]

SECTION 1. ~~The formation of a new Parish, or the erection of a Church building or Chapel on a new site, must have the previous written consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee. SECTION 2. Before consent can be given to the formation of a new Parish, the persons desiring such consent shall at a duly convened meeting make~~ (a) An existing Mission that seeks reclassification as a Parish must show that it has maintained Effective Ministry Standards for a period of three consecutive years without receiving financial support from the Diocese and must demonstrate the reasonable prospect that it will be able to continue to meet those standards and that it does and will be able to continue to pay its full Fair Share Asking according to the formula approved by Diocesan Convention. A congregation which seeks such reclassification will make a written application to the Bishop, signed by the ~~President~~Vicar and Secretary of the ~~meeting~~Mission and as many ~~members of these present~~members of the congregation as possible, declaring that the said ~~Parish~~prospective parish will: (1) at all times adhere to and observe the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the ~~Protestant~~The Episcopal Church in the United States of America existing at the time of its formation and as may thereafter be amended, and the laws of the State of New Jersey; (2) be subject to the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey; or in case of a division of the Diocese, to that of the Bishop within ~~those jurisdictions~~whose jurisdiction it may come; (3) apply as soon as possible after its incorporation for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese, and become subject to the Constitution and Canons thereof; (4) pay its Rector no less than the canonical minimum salary and provide a rectory or other suitable living quarters; and, (5) hold all parish assets in trust in perpetuity for the Episcopal Church and the Diocese. ~~SECTION 3. The~~ Mission shall also present such documents in support of the application required as above, and any application for the erecting of a Church building or Chapel on a new site, shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Bishop, who shall forthwith lay the matter before the Standing Committee, and at the same time give notice by registered mail as the Bishop may request. The Bishop shall then give notice of the application to the three Parishes whose ~~Houses~~houses of worship are nearest to the location of the proposed new Parish or building, that such application has been made and that any objections submitted to the Bishop in writing within thirty days after the date of mailing the notice will be duly considered. ~~Mission. If after thirty days from the giving of such notice, there is no objection on the part of the three nearest Parishes, the Bishop may then consent to the action proposed. If objections be made within thirty days, the Bishop shall lay the application and the objections before the Standing Committee, and if the Standing Committee approve, the Bishop may consent in writing to the formation of a parish corporation pursuant to statute, in the following form:~~

SECTION 4. No new parish shall be formed unless and until it can show satisfactory evidence to the Bishop and Standing Committee that its equipment, buildings and land holdings are sufficient to serve

and maintain its Congregation in independent status, and that its current operating expenses and indebtedness, if any, are within the present means of the Congregation.

SECTION 5. After the expiration of said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall proceed to the consideration of the application and of any objections thereto and shall advise the Bishop of their conclusions. If approval be given, the Bishop may then give Canonical consent in the following form:

The formation of a new reclassification from Mission to Parish (or the erection of a new Church or Chapel) in the city (or town) of, County of to be known as Church (or Chapel), having been duly considered by the Standing Committee and approved by them, I do hereby give my Canonical canonical consent to the formation of said Parish (or the erection of said Church or Chapel) and the incorporation thereof.

Given under my hand this..... day of..... in the year of our Lord, two thousand

Bishop of New Jersey

Attest:

.....

Secretary of Standing Committee

(b) If the congregation seeking reclassification so requests, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may stipulate that for a fixed period of time the pastoral, spiritual and sacramental needs of the congregation will be met by the services of a priest working for a specified number of hours less than full time, with full compensation appropriate to such part-time service, subject to further review at the end of the period specified. Upon such review, the permission to maintain a part-time rector may be continued for a further specified period, until such time as a full-time position may be justified, or until Section 2 of this Canon may become applicable.

(c) After receipt of the Bishop's consent for incorporation, the congregation shall take the steps necessary to incorporate pursuant to the procedures of the New Jersey Statutes applicable to Episcopal Parishes. Following incorporation and the election of wardens and vestrymembers, the Vicar may with the consent of the Bishop, to be confirmed in writing, be elected to continue as Rector of the new Parish notwithstanding any noncompliance with the prior-notice requirements of Sections 1 and 2 of Canon 52.

(d) Following incorporation, the new Parish shall apply for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese as provided in Article VI of the Constitution and become subject to the Constitution and Canons thereof. Upon approval by the Diocesan Convention, the Mission shall be deemed reclassified as a Parish and shall thereafter be so reported by the Committee on Congregational Life.

SECTION 6. No Parish shall be entitled to Episcopal visitations and ministrations until it shall have complied with the provisions of this Canon.

[Section 2]

[Section 2 of proposed Canon 60 is largely taken from the provisions of current Canon 53 governing Incorporated missions, and the comparison of this section is to Sections 1 through 5 of the latter. The procedural safeguards of that canon are deemed waived in the singular case of a reclassification of a parish due to its disobedience to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church and in particular the defiance of the bishop's judgment in a procedure relating to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, in which case the bishop is allowed to proceed summarily to reclassify the defiant parish as a mission and to replace its officers. Also added, in the case of all mission reclassifications, is a provision for dissolving or merging the

parish corporations, which are not needed by mission congregations, in lieu of formally deeding title to property to the Trustees of Church Property.]

SECTION 2.4. When a parish fails (a) If a Parish is unable or anticipates being unable to comply with the requirements set for ~~parishes~~Parishes by Article VI of the Constitution and Canon 48, or is no longer able to support the necessary operating expenses and indebtedness of the parish, or is so diminished in numbers that it is no longer viable as a Parish, or fails to elect officers in compliance with its corporate charter, 53 for a period of six months, the elected leadership of the Parish shall so inform the Bishop. If it appears that the six-month period has passed and the elected leadership of the parish has not informed the Bishop, then the Rector of the Parish, the Canon to the Ordinary, if there be one, or the Committee on Congregational Life, on its own motion, may so inform the Bishop. In either such event the Bishop shall invite the ~~rector, wardens and vestry~~Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymembers of the parish~~Parish~~ to meet with the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese to discuss the problem. If the Bishop shall on Congregational Life to discuss and formulate a plan to address the problem. If within 90 days of the Bishop's first being advised of the problem no plan can be agreed by all parties, or, if a plan is agreed but the Parish is unable to achieve Effective Ministry Standards within a period of twelve months after it is adopted, the Bishop may determine that the problem cannot be resolved and that the parish~~Parish~~ is no longer viable the Bishop shall certify the same in writing to and will so inform the Rector, Wardens, and Members~~Vestrymem-~~bers of the Vestry of the parish~~Parish~~ concerned and The Committee on Congregational Life shall report the Bishop's findings to an annual or special Convention of the Diocese, together with the Bishop's recommendation that the parish be classified into the category of an incorporated mission in accordance with Canon 46. a Mission as governed by Canon 56. If the recommendation be adopted by the Convention, the Congregation shall be so classified and shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese which govern Congregations in this~~such~~ category.

SECTION 2. When (b) If the Rector, Wardens, and Members of the Vestry~~Vestrymembers~~ of a parish Parish wish their parish~~Parish~~ to be reclassified as an Incorporated Mission for any of the reasons given in Section 42(a) of this Canon, or when, after discussion initiated by the Bishop in accordance with Section 42(a) of this Canon, the Rector, Wardens, and Members of the Vestry~~Vestrymembers~~ agree to such reclassification, they may make application to the Bishop in writing to be reclassified. The application shall be signed by a majority of all the current ~~Members~~members of the Vestry. If the Bishop consents to the reclassification, the Bishop shall lay the matter before the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and if it consents, the Bishop may forthwith reclassify the Parish as an Incorporated Mission a Mission, and the Committee on Congregational Life shall report such reclassification to the next annual Convention of the Diocese. In such event, no further action by Convention shall be required to effect such reclassification.

(c) If the Vestry of a Parish fails to comply promptly with a judgment issued under canons relating to the Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation, the Bishop shall lay the matter before Standing Committee, with notice and opportunity for such Vestry to appear and be heard. If the Standing Committee consents, the Bishop may forthwith reclassify the Parish as a Mission, and the Committee on Congregational Life shall report such reclassification to the next annual Convention of the Diocese. In such event, no further action by Convention shall be required to effect such reclassification.

SECTION 3. When a Parish which has been reclassified as an Incorporated Mission is no longer able to support the necessary operating expenses and indebtedness of the Mission, the officers of the Mission may make application to the Bishop for financial assistance. If the Bishop approve, the Bishop shall forward the application to the members of the Diocesan Council for their consideration. The Diocesan Council may refer the application to any other committee it may deem appropriate.

(d) When a Parish is reclassified as a Mission, the following changes will be made in its organization:

~~SECTION 4. When a Parish is reclassified as an Incorporated Mission the~~(i) The Rector shall relinquish the Rector's tenure. The appointment of a priest to be Vicar in charge of an Incorporated~~the~~ Mission, who may be the former Rector, shall be by the Bishop. The Vicar shall serve without tenure. The Bishop may appoint a full-time or part-time vicar as the Bishop thinks best.

(ii) If the reclassification is to status of a Mission and was the result of a failure of the former Parish to conform to and obey the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church and the Constitutions and Canons of the General Convention and of this Diocese, then the Bishop may forthwith appoint a Treasurer, Secretary, one or two Wardens, and Mission Committee members for the Mission in lieu of their being elected by the Congregation, until such time as the Bishop certifies in writing that the Mission is conforming to such doctrine, discipline, and worship and such Constitutions and Canons, after which the Congregation may elect such officers at its next annual or special meeting called for such purpose.

iii) If the Bishop does not appoint new officers, the existing Treasurer and Wardens shall continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed, and the Clerk shall continue as the Secretary of the Mission and the Vestrymembers shall continue as members of the Mission Committee, until their successors are elected or appointed.

(iv) The appropriate corporate officers shall take such steps as required by law to consolidate the Parish corporation into the Trustees of Church Property, so that title to all real and personal property and endowment funds of the former Parish shall be transferred by operation of law to the Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey, to be held by them in trust for the purposes of the Diocese. The Trustees of Church Property have the discretion not to consent to any such consolidation; if they do not consent, the Parish officers must otherwise transfer such title to the Trustees of Church Property.

~~SECTION 5. Title to all real and personal property and endowment funds of an Incorporated Mission, unless otherwise directed by the Diocesan Council, shall be transferred to the Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey, to be held by them in trust until such time as the Incorporated Mission may be reclassified.~~

[Section 3]

[Section 3 of proposed Canon 60 is new but reflects the sense of current Canons 55(3) and 56(2).]

SECTION 3. A Parochial Chapel, or a Seasonal Chapel that provides services throughout the year, may apply to become a Mission by complying with the provisions of Canon 55, Section 1.

Final Note

In the course of preparing this Memorandum I have noticed some typographical errors in the proposed Part IV canons, which I intend to correct upon presentation of the Committee's Report to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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