

The Diocese of New Jersey
235th Annual Diocesan Convention
Consent Calendar 2019

This Consent Calendar is published by the Committee on Rules of Order and Dispatch of Business pursuant to Rule IV.3 of the Rules of Order. It contains all resolutions to be voted on by the Diocesan Convention other than elections, budget matters, resolutions proposed by diocesan bodies that vote to have them voted on separately, and any resolution that is removed from this Consent Calendar.

At any time before a final vote on the Consent Calendar, any resolution may be removed from the Consent Calendar by written notice to the Secretary of Convention or by announcement on the floor of Convention by (i) the individual or diocesan body that proposed the resolution, (ii) any four voting members of the Convention, or (iii) the President of the Convention. Any resolution removed from the Consent Calendar shall be taken up for debate and consideration at a time to be determined by the President.

Note that a vote to approve the Consent Calendar is to take the action, if any, recommended by the diocesan body proposing the resolution. If the Consent Calendar is not approved, then all items on the Consent Calendar shall be taken up for debate and consideration at a time to be determined by the President of Convention.

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1. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
Implementing Resolution II
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Canon 18 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

CANON 18

Audit Committee

SECTION 1. The Audit Committee of the Diocese shall consist of ~~six~~ three members elected by Convention to serve three-year terms and two members appointed annually by the Diocesan Council, at least one of whom shall be appointed from among its members. There shall be three classes of elected members with ~~two members~~ one member being elected each year. After an elected member has served for two full consecutive terms, such elected member shall not be eligible for reelection until a year shall have passed. ~~The~~ A Chair or two Co-Chairs shall be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority from among the ~~elected~~ members. The Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese and other officers of the Diocese may be designated by the Bishop to assist the Audit Committee.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Audit Committee shall be to ensure that the financial management of all diocesan functions is performed in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in the following ways:

- (a) To prescribe the methods of accounting and record keeping of all such Boards, Trusts, Committees, Treasurers and Financial Officers of the Diocese, with power to summon them or any of them, or their auditors, with their books, records and securities for examination as to the conduct of their offices and the condition of the funds entrusted to them;
- (b) ~~To gather and review audits from all diocesan churches annually to ensure that fiscal management procedures are acceptable~~ encourage and assist parishes and other congregational entities in their audit processes and to develop guidelines for acceptable fiscal management procedures;

- (c) To appoint auditors, as required under the canon on Accounts, for the audit of all diocesan accounts, funds and trusts and to gather and review the audit reports of all such accounts of the Diocese annually;
- (d) To designate areas of financial management for internal audit as deemed necessary, and to prescribe the methods for the conduct of such internal audits;
- (e) To advise the Bishop and other officers of the Diocese in financial and business matters when requested;
- (f) To ensure that all funds and accounts of any diocesan or congregational entities, including discretionary accounts and funds, are audited annually;
- (g) To report to the Convention annually the results of any internal and external audits conducted.

SECTION 3. The Audit Committee shall have power to employ counsel subject to the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority in consultation with the Chancellor.

SECTION 4. The Audit Committee shall at all times comply with the provisions of Title I, Canon 7, Sections 1 and 2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

- 2. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
Implementing Resolution III
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Canon 47 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be deleted and the Canon declared reserved, as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

~~**CANON 47**~~

Boundaries

~~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 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 members of the clergy having charge thereof. 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 2. All territory in the Diocese not included within the boundaries of a Parish or Mission by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 of this Canon shall be deemed to be the Cure of the Bishop of the Diocese.~~

~~SECTION 3. Members of the clergy in charge of or officiating in Seasonal Chapels, Collegiate Chapels, or 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 47 RESERVED

- 3. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
Implementing Resolution IV
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Canon 5, Section 3, of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

SECTION 3. There shall be a ~~nominating committee~~ Nominating Committee composed of one clerical and one lay member from each Convocation. The members shall be elected by each Convocation at the Fall meeting thereof to serve for ~~a one-year term~~ two-year terms beginning at the conclusion of the Diocesan Convention the following March. Vacancies shall be filled by the Dean of the Convocation. The President of Convention shall, before the first day of April, appoint from among the elected members a Chair and, in addition, may appoint a Chancellor or a Vice Chancellor as a liaison to the committee, to serve with seat and voice but not vote. The committee shall make suitable nominations for all elective offices. It shall report in writing to the Secretary its nominations. It shall in no way affect the right of any member of the Convention to place names in nomination in accordance with the provisions of these Canons and the Rules of Order of the Convention. The Chair shall convene the first meeting of the ~~nominating committee~~ Nominating Committee no later than June 1. No later than September 1, the committee shall mail to all clergy and churches in the Diocese a list of the offices to be filled at the next Convention and a form on which names may be submitted to the committee recommending persons for nomination. Meetings of the ~~nominating committee~~ Nominating Committee shall be open to all clergy and church members in the Diocese. Opportunity shall be given at each meeting of the committee for such visitors to offer advice to the committee. The Convocational Members of the Nominating Committee may elect up to four additional members-at-large. This election, if there be one, shall be by majority vote of all Convocational Members at a scheduled meeting of the Nominating Committee. In electing the members-at-large, the Convocational Members shall be as inclusive as possible to insure that the committee is representative of the entire membership of the Diocese. Members-at-large shall serve for a term of one year from their date of election and until a successor is elected, and they may be reelected.

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4. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
 Implementing Resolution V
 Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Section 5 of Canon 50 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be deleted.

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5. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
 Implementing Resolution VI
 Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Canon 13, Section 12(b), of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

(b) Where the title to real estate of a Mission, or of a Parish that qualifies by statute for extinction as determined by resolution of the Diocesan Council but has not yet been so declared by the Diocesan Convention, is held by the Trustees of Church Property or the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Trustees of Church Property or the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, as the case may be, by a majority vote of such Trustees, is hereby authorized to sell and convey the same upon request of ~~the members of~~ the Diocesan Council, and the proceeds of such sale shall be disposed of at the direction of ~~the members of~~ the Diocesan Council.

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6. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
 Implementing Resolution VII
 Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That Canon 13, Section 12(c), of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

(c) The Trustees of Church Property shall hold the proceeds of transfers and sales of property of extinct parishes and of closed missions in a separate account to be named the Mission Renewal Fund. The Diocesan Council shall have the authority to approve grants from the Mission Renewal Fund for missional purposes of the Diocese.

- (1) Congregations, Diocesan entities, and the Bishop's office may submit grant proposals in such form as the Diocesan Council may require.
- (2) The Diocesan Council may invite the Congregational Development Commission, the Board of Missions, ~~and or~~ the Loan and Grant Committee ~~shall to~~ review grant applications and make recommendations to the Diocesan Council.
- (3) Final approval of grants shall rest with the Diocesan Council.
- (4) The Trustees shall make a complete financial report of the Mission Renewal Fund to the Convention annually.

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7. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
Implementing Resolution
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That the 235th Convention of the Diocesan of New Jersey confirm the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation that for calendar year 2019, a 2.0% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase be applied to the cleric's 2018 Cash Stipend (as long as the amount is greater than or equal to the Base Cash Stipend based on years of Credited Service as recorded by the Church Pension Fund (or other alternative basis approved by the Commission)). The associated mandatory compensation item minimums (e.g. housing allowance or equity, professional expenses, and continuing education) will remain the same.

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8. Companion Diocese Committee
Resolution
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Be it resolved, That having enjoyed a ten-year companion relationship with the Diocese of Ecuador Central, the Diocese of New Jersey hereby concludes that relationship, with gratitude to God for the ministry we have shared; and be it

Further resolved, That we express our deep appreciation to The Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury, Acting Bishop, and all the clergy and people of Ecuador Central for their true companionship through the years, pledging our continued friendship with prayers for the important and challenging ministry which is their call in that place; and be it

Further resolved, That the Diocese of New Jersey renew its relationship with the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral as a full companion relationship for the next three years.

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9. Committee on Resolutions
Resolution 2019-1
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Be it resolved, That the 235th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirm the 220th Diocesan Convention's Resolution 2004-1; and be it

Further resolved, That that we continually pray for all those lost on September 11, 2001, for all others lost at the hand of terrorism, for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the days since the attacks, for those

who still suffer in body and mind as a result of terrorist attacks, and for all those we call peacemakers; and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the House of Bishops

10. Committee on Resolutions

Resolution 2019-3

Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Be it resolved, That the 235th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey recognize the ministry of the historically Black congregations within the diocese which continue, in the evaluation of the Commission on Black Ministry, to have vital congregational life and ministry by directing Diocesan Council to continue providing financial support at levels allocated in 2019 unless a congregation requests a lesser amount, to ensure that operating budgets within these congregations are subsidized to help provide for stable clergy leadership and promote long-term vitality; and be it

Further resolved, That proceeds from the sale of historically black churches be earmarked for ministry within black congregations.

11. Marks of Mission Giving Table Task Force

Resolution

Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Be it resolved, That the 235th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey appreciates the ongoing work of the Marks of Mission Giving Table Task Force as reflected in its interim report, Document 24, and recognizes that its conversations with parishes could not be completed prior to this meeting of the Convention as had been envisioned in the authorizing Resolution passed by the 234th Convention; and be it

Further resolved, That the Task Force continue its work and report to the 236th Convention in 2020 its recommendations as to the appropriate levels of giving that will foster diocesan fellowship and discipleship, expressed through the Marks of Mission.