

The Diocese of New Jersey
237th Annual Diocesan Convention
Consent Calendar 2021

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 I
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Resolved, That the second sentence of Section 3 of Canon 21 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

In accordance with the terms of the Trust and the terms of the Last Will and Testament of R. Bowden Shepherd, the trustees shall make loans from the principal of the Fund on proper security at 5% interest per year to ~~Missions and assisted Parishes of~~ missionary projects in the Diocese other than those of parishes and to further extension efforts in the Diocese approved by the Board of Missions and accepted by the Diocesan Council, and the trustees may make grants from the interest accruing on the loans to such projects in the Diocese of New Jersey as may ~~received~~ receive the approval of the Board of Missions and the Diocesan Council.

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

Resolved, That the first sentence of subsection (1)(b)(1) of Canon 74 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

The Parish or Mission shall pay the clergyperson a housing ~~allowance~~ subsidy, not less than the minimum amount established by Diocesan Convention.

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

Resolved, Section 2(a) of Canon 60 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

SECTION 2. (a) If a Parish is unable or anticipates being unable to comply in a material way with the requirements set for Parishes by Article VI of the Constitution 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, the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese, if there be one, the Board of Missions, the Board of Consultation, or the Dean of the Convocation of which the Parish is a part, may so inform the Bishop. In either such event the Bishop shall invite the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymembers of the Parish to meet with the Bishop and one or more consultants chosen by the elected leadership of the Parish or by the Bishop to discuss and formulate a plan to address the problem. If within ninety 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 complete compliance with such plan within a period of six months after it is adopted, the Bishop may determine that the problem cannot be resolved and that the Parish is no longer viable and should be reclassified as a Mission as governed by Canon ~~56~~ 55. The Bishop will inform the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymembers of the Parish concerned and the Diocesan Council of any such recommendation. The Diocesan Council will make its own determination of whether it does or does not concur with the Bishop's recommendation. The Bishop's recommendation and Diocesan Council's finding shall be reported to Convention for action as provided in Canon 46, Section 2.

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

Resolved, That Section 1 of Canon 1 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (insertions shown by double-underline):

SECTION 1. The Convention shall meet on the first Friday following the first Sunday in March at Trinity Cathedral in the City of Trenton unless another time or place of meeting is appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority. If directed by the Ecclesiastical Authority, the meeting may be held in whole or in part by means of remote communication. A member participating in a meeting by means of remote communication shall be deemed present in person and shall be entitled to vote at the meeting regardless of whether that meeting is held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall provide each member participating remotely with a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting, including an opportunity to vote on matters submitted to the members, and to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with those proceedings, as provided in the Rules of Order.

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

Resolved, That Section 4 of Canon 2 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies appointed by the President of the Convention at the annual meeting thereof to serve until the adjournment of the next annual Convention. The Committee shall consist of not fewer than ~~five~~ two persons who shall be members of the Convention at the time of appointment.

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

Resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey confirm the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, that the rate for supply clergy be increased to \$200 for one service, \$265 for two services, and \$110 for weekday services, as of July 1, 2021.

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7. Committee on Resolutions
Resolution 2021-1
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Subject: Remembering the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Victims

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirm Resolution 2004-1 of the 220th Convention of the Diocese; and be it

Further resolved, That that Episcopalians in the Diocese continually pray for all those lost on September 11, 2001; all others lost at the hand of terrorism; those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the days since the attacks; those who still suffer in body and mind as a result of terrorist attacks; and all those we call peacemakers; and be it

Further resolved, That churches of the Diocese on September 11, 2021 join in observing the Six Moments of Silence that mark the loss of life in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia:

1. At 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York.
 2. At 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.
 3. At 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense.
 4. At 9:59 a.m., the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.
 5. At 10:03 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others.
 6. At 10:29 a.m., the North Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed;
- and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

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8. Committee on Resolutions
Resolution 2021-2
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Subject: Remembering the Victims and Survivors of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey commend the reading of the names of those parish members lost to COVID on the anniversary date of November 17, 2021; and be it

Further resolved, That we continually pray for those who have perished, and for those who survived, and that God's Grace will heal and comfort all those affected and restore them to health, this we pray; and be it

Further resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

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9. Committee on Resolutions
Resolution 2021-3
Recommendation of Committee: **Adopt**

Subject: Commission on Black Ministry Authorization for Funding Recommendations

Be it resolved, That the 237th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey provide the authority to the Commission on Black Ministry of the Diocese of New Jersey (the "COBM") to collaboratively evaluate and provide funding and strategic recommendations for the ministry of the historically Black congregations; and be it

Further resolved, That funds be set aside annually from the Board of Missions, the Mission Renewal Fund, and other Diocesan Trust Funds for the ministry of the historically Black congregations, with the COBM providing critical input on the disbursement of these funds; and be it

Further resolved, that a financial report of these funds be shared annually and the fund amount be periodically evaluated and adjusted as needed; and be it

Further resolved, That the COBM's decision-making role be publicly communicated by the Diocese to these congregations.