

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2018 CONVENTION**

The Committee on Constitution and Canons received no requests to modify the Canons, and two requests for discussion of possible changes to the Constitution.

- 1) ARTICLE V, SECTION 4: The first item considered was whether or not Convention should revisit the time requirement for canonically resident, retired priests to be entitled to vote in Convention. The current requirement is:

“Each canonically resident priest who served a church, an institution of the Diocese, or on diocesan staff for at least five years immediately prior to retirement shall be entitled to all privileges as a member of Convention.”

The Committee recommends tabling any change to this section of the Constitution as we progress in the transitional stage of our Diocese.

- 2) ARTICLE V, SECTION 5: The second item considered was whether or not canonically resident deacons should be entitled to vote in Convention. The current requirement is:

“Each canonically resident deacon of the Diocese shall be entitled to seat and voice as a member of Convention.”

The Committee recommends the initiation of an intentional conversation throughout the Diocese, in order to explore making any changes to this section as we progress in the transition of our Diocese.

The Committee understands that it may receive suggestions for other changes to the Constitution and/or the Canons during the meeting of the Committee that will be held before the start of the annual Convention. The Committee will address any such issues prior to the Convention. Any matters that come before the Committee at that time will be considered. If the Committee deems it appropriate, a revised report may be presented to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Committee Chair

Adopted by Convention on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Secretary of the Convention