Grace Church, Charleston

By-Laws (Revised)

Notes

Attached is a copy of a newly revised set of By-Laws for Grace Church. These are a few notes about the draft to guide you when you review them before you make suggestions for editing.

The general scheme I used in writing the By-Laws is to enable, and not restrict, the conduct of the business of the parish and the development of its programs. The purpose of this is to allow as much leeway as possible for the parish leadership to develop all aspects of its program with a free hand, but all within the confines of applicable secular and canonical law.

Three bodies of law were respected when these were drafted. They are:

The laws of South Carolina as Grace Church, Charleston is a corporation created by the State of South Carolina.

The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of South Carolina as we are a parish within the Diocese of South Carolina. But, because of recent, perhaps illegal, amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, I have provided that in any conflict between the Diocesan and national Church Constitution and Canons, those of the national Church prevail.

Lastly, we are beholden to and honor the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, and that allegiance is reflected in the draft of the By-Laws.

 Thomas S. Tisdale

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