



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Report of the Resolution Committee 230th Annual Diocesan Convention

Proposed Resolution # 1: A RESOLUTION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE 230th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 20-21, 2020

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION:

The constraints imposed upon the diocese by the prevalent pandemic for the planning of the Agenda and the conduct of the business of the Convention require Rules of Order consistent with the prevailing circumstances and to allow for the conduct of a virtual Convention requires that certain amendments to the Rules of Order be made as a first Order of Business of the Convention. This resolution therefore establishes the basis for the conduct of business for this meeting of the Convention, and it does not amend the existing Rules of Order for any purpose or for any use beyond the adjournment this meeting of the Convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE USED ONLY AS NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING OF THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE, AND SUCH AMENDMENTS CREATED BY THIS RESOLUTION SHALL EXPIRE AT THE TIME OF THE ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.

A proposed Agenda for the proceedings of the Convention shall be distributed to each registered delegate before the first day of the Convention.

The first order of business following the Call to Order of the Convention shall be the certification of the delegates of the parishes and missions in attendance, and voice but not vote shall be extended to any special guests in attendance. Such certifications shall be provided to the Secretary of the Convention no later than 5 pm on November 6, 2020, fourteen (14) days before the first day of the Convention.

The second order of business of the Convention shall be proposed adoption of this Resolution.

All reports of Committee meetings prescribed by the Rules of Order that are normally conducted on the first day of the Convention shall be conducted no later than fourteen (14) days before the first day of the Convention, and copies of all Committee reports shall be transmitted to each registered delegate prior to the first day of the Convention; and a report of the respective Committee proceedings shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention, by title, as the third order of business of the Convention for inclusion in the Journal of the Convention.

Any nominations for elective offices, in addition to those proposed by the Nominations Committee, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention no later than 5 pm on November 6, 2020, fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the Convention. Any nomination should include the personal statement of the nominee and a headshot/photo, and if applicable, a statement by the nominator, together with a certification that such nominee, if elected, is willing to serve in the respective office.

Any additional resolutions for consideration, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention no later than 5 pm on November 6, 2020, fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the Convention.

To the further extent necessary to arrange for the Agenda and other details of this Convention, the Rules of Order are further allowed to be amended in such cases as necessary, and any such additional amendments are hereby permitted and adopted as a part of this Resolution.

A certified copy of this Resolution as adopted by the Convention shall be included in the Journal of the Convention.

Submitted by Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor

*Updated as of 11/18/20 Additional Clauses to include:

The Chancellor has recommended that the following paragraph be considered in conjunction with the wording listed above, so as to further assure and authorize the legal conduct of the business of the Convention, and for the conduct of the business of all Annual Parish Meetings within the diocese that are compelled to meet virtually online to comply with personal safety precautions that are imposed during the time of the pandemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The virtual voting procedures planned for use at this meeting of the Convention are hereby approved and adopted as necessary amendments to the RULES OF ORDER AND PREVAILING PARLIAMENTARY LAW for this occasion, and shall have the full force and effect as if all such voting was conducted in person, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Such voting procedures hereby sanctioned shall be and are also authorized and approved for use at any meeting of the Convention and at all Annual Parish Meetings that are held within the diocese in the year 2021.

Proposed Resolution # 2:

Resolved that the Convention permits all confirmed individuals ages 16 and 17 inclusive to be eligible to be elected as delegates and alternates to this Convention.

Explanation: The canonical definition of a confirmed adult in the Episcopal Church who has seat, voice, and vote at parish meetings is 16. The Diocese of South Carolina should enable and empower our older youth to have equal participation that their contemporaries in other dioceses may and do enjoy. We who by our baptismal covenant promise to raise those baptized as infants or children in the Christian doctrine, discipline, and worship should entrust them with the sacred responsibility as canonical adults and permit them all the privileges that convey as the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church allows.

Submitted by Mr. Joe Lenhard, St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach