

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Constitution and Canons Committee Report of Committee for 2017

The Committee on Constitution and Canons has only received one proposed change to the Canons. The Chancellor of the Diocese, Thomas Tisdale, proposes a revision of the Canon regarding the Trustees to improve the structure of the Trustees. The main component is to provide the staggered terms of office, and to provide for the election of officers in a proper way. As revised, Canon 12 would read in its entirety as is listed below this report.

The Committee recommends that the Convention adopt the revised version of “Canon 12” of “Title I”, as listed below.

The Committee understands that it may receive suggestions for other changes to the Constitution and Canons during the upcoming meeting of the Committee to 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.

Michael L.M. Jordan,
Committee Chairman

Title I CANON XII OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees duly elected by the Convention of the Diocese comprising six members who are all communicants in good standing of a parish or mission of the Diocese in addition to the Bishop who shall serve ex officio and with a vote as President of the Trustees, and the Chancellor of the Diocese who shall serve ex officio but without a vote.

At the first annual Convention of the Diocese after the adoption of this Canon, six Trustees shall be elected as follows: two of them for a term of two years, two of them for a term of four years, and two of them for a term of six years so that thereafter the terms of two Trustees shall expire each year. A trustee shall be eligible for reelection to one additional six year term after the initial term and shall not be eligible to serve thereafter for two years following the expiration of the previous term served.

Section 2. The Trustees shall elect a Vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer at its first meeting in each calendar year who shall serve, with the Bishop as President, until their successors are duly elected.

Section 3. The Trustees shall meet quarterly in each calendar year and at other times as necessary upon due notice of any special meetings to the Trustees.

Section 4 The Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all the assets of the Diocese that are entrusted to its care and ownership.

The Trustees shall hold the legal title to all of the real property of the diocese, and all real property acquired hereafter by the Diocese shall be conveyed to it at the time of its acquisition; and the Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all property of the Diocese including investment accounts, trusts, and other assets that are bequeathed to it or otherwise by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall, in accordance with all generally accepted investment standards, manage all the funds entrusted to it in accordance with any and all particular restrictions required by any and all restrictions and other terms and conditions impressed on such funds.

Section 5. The net income and other cash assets from investments and other assets of the Trustees shall be available annually or at other times as requested by the Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Finance Committee of the Diocese, to support the various operations and special projects of the Diocese that are approved by the Council, and disburse funds to it as appropriate.

Section 6. The Trustees shall present a report of all its activities during the preceding year at each annual Convention of the Diocese.

Adopted by the Convention on _____, 2017.

Secretary of the Convention