

List of Defined Terms

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Resolved, That the Appendix is amended to read as follows:

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This Appendix is intended to assist in the understanding and interpretation of certain terms ~~which~~ that appear in the Constitution or the Canons of the Diocese of California. Unless otherwise indicated, references in this Appendix to the Constitution or Canons are intended as references to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of California.

“Aided Parish” has the meaning set forth in Canon XI, Section 11.09.

“Annual Convention” means the annual Convention of the Diocese of California as described in Article V of the Constitution.

“Bishop” means the Bishop of the Diocese of California.

“Bishop Coadjutor” has the meaning set forth in Title III, Canon 11.10(a), of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

“Bishop Suffragan” has the meaning set forth in Title III, Canon 11.10(b) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

“Bishop’s Committee” means the committee described in Canon XII, Section ~~12.02(e)~~ **12.03**.

“Canons of The Episcopal Church” means such Canons as adopted in 1785 and as amended from time to time through the date of the most recent General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

“Canonically Resident” means resident in a specified diocese for the purposes of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, as established by ordination to that diocese or letters dimissory accepted by that diocese.

“Cathedral” and “Cathedral Church of the Diocese” mean Grace Cathedral.

“Cleric” means a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon ordained by The Episcopal Church, unless the context shall exclude a Bishop.

“Commission” means the Commission on Ministry, ~~as described in Canon XIV, above~~ **unless otherwise specified**.

“Constitution of the Diocese” means such Constitution as adopted by the 134th Diocesan Convention and as revised to date.

“Constitution of The Episcopal Church” means such Constitution as adopted in General Conventions from 1785 through 2000 and as revised to date.

“Convention” means an Annual or Special Convention of the Diocese of California.

“Corporation Sole” means the corporation described in Canon XVI, Section 16.04, ~~above~~.

“Deacon” means any person who has been ordained as a Deacon pursuant to Title III of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

“Delegate” means a lay person delegated to represent at a Convention the congregation of the Cathedral, any Parish, or any Mission *as provided in Article VI, Sections 6.4 through 6.7 of the Constitution.*

“Delegation” means a group of Delegates representing a particular congregation.

“Diocese” means the Diocese of California, as defined in Article I of the Constitution.

“Diocesan Corporation” means the corporation organized under California law as “The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of California”, as described in Canon VIII, Section ~~6.01 of the Canons of the Diocese~~ *8.03.*

“Diocesan Institution” means an institution meeting the conditions specified in Canon XVII ~~of the Canons of the Diocese.~~

“The Episcopal Church” means the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

“Episcopate” means the office of the Bishop of the Diocese of California.

“Executive Council” means the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Corporation.

“General Convention” means the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as described in Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church.

~~“Members” means those Clerics and Delegates to a Convention who are entitled, in accordance with Canon II or Canon III of the Canons of the Diocese, to a seat and vote at the Convention.~~

“Mission” means a congregation of the Diocese ~~which that~~ has not been accepted as a Parish and is led by a Vicar under the direction of the Bishop.

“Parish” means a parish within the Diocese ~~which that~~ has been admitted into union with the Convention pursuant to Article X of the Constitution ~~of the Diocese.~~

“Presbyter” means a priest ordained under the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and Canonically Resident in the Diocese.

“Rules of Order” means the Rules of Order for the Convention of the Diocese of California, as described in **Canon VI**, Section 6.07 ~~of Canon VI~~.

“Special Convention” means any Convention of the Diocese, other than the Annual Convention.

“Standing Committee” has the meaning set forth in Article VIII, Section 8.1, of the Constitution of the Diocese.

“Vestry” means the board of directors of a parish corporation as defined in Canon XI, Section 11.11.

“Warden” means a person described in Canon XI, Section 11.21 *or Canon XII, Section 12.03(f)*.

Explanation:

The proposed amendments correct several citations to the Constitution and Canons, attempt to make the style more consistent, and remove a reference that is confusing rather than helpful. In particular, the word “Members” appears in many places in the Canons with a meaning that differs from the definition provided in this Appendix, but that is always clear from the context.

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Report of the Committee on Canons:

As authorized by Canon 21.03, the Committee on Canons has changed the proposed amendment and inserted additional amendments as required to make the canons consistent. In all other respects, the Committee on Canons finds this amendment suitable in form for adoption.