

Proposed Amendments to Canon III, Sections 3.02 & 3.06

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Sec. 3.02. Certificates Sent to Convention Secretary.

The certifications of election of Delegates and alternates shall be forwarded to the Secretary of *the* Convention as soon as possible after their election and at least ~~20~~ **30** days prior to the date of the Convention. From these certificates the Committee on Credentials shall, in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution of the Diocese, prepare a list of the Delegates and alternates entitled to seat and vote in the Convention.

Sec. 3.06. Official Youth Presence.

In addition to Lay Delegates, up to twelve youth (two youth from each Deanery) who are duly authorized representatives known as the Official Youth Presence shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the Convention. Each Deanery shall elect or appoint two authorized youth representatives and an alternate. Deanery certifications shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary of *the* Convention at least ~~20~~ **30** days prior to the date of Convention.

Explanation: There is a discrepancy between deadlines for certifying clergy members of the Convention and for certifying lay delegates. The Bishop is required to prepare a list of canonically resident clergy at least 30 days before the Convention. Clergy must have become canonically resident either by ordination or receipt of letters dimissory (a fancy term for letter of transfer) at least 30 days before the Convention. In order for the Bishop to meet his deadline, he also requires that non-parochial clergy submit their annual reports at least 30 days before the Convention. However, certificates for lay delegates are not required until 20 days before the Convention.

In recent years, it has become our practice to open on-line preregistration for Convention four weeks before Convention starts. It makes it difficult for staff to verify preregistrations for lay delegates if their certificates may still be outstanding for another week after preregistration begins. In addition, it will simplify publicity and reduce confusion if there is one deadline for certification of all members of Convention.

Nearly every congregation elects its delegates at an annual meeting held in January or February, so this change should not work a hardship for any congregation.

N.B. The proper title of the Secretary of the Convention includes the word “the.”

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