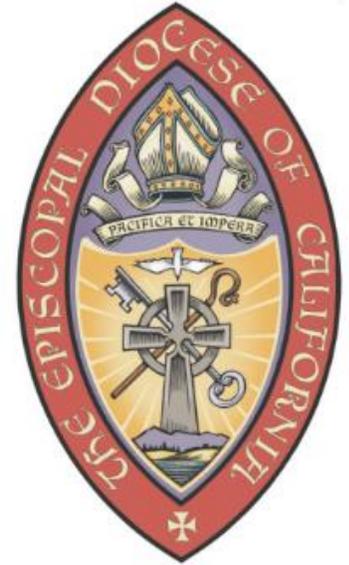


**Certified Resolutions, Actions, and Election Results of  
The 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California  
October 17, 2020**

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## **I. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

### **MANDATES ANTI-RACISM & RACIAL RECONCILIATION TRAINING FOR THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES**

**Resolved**, That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California reaffirms General Convention Resolution 2000 B-049 (Require Anti-Racism Training); and

**Resolved**, That this Convention submits the following resolution to the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

**Resolved**, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that Canon I.1.4 be amended as follows:

Canon I.1, Section 4: Election of Deputies

- (a) All jurisdictions of this Church entitled by the Constitution or Canons to choose Deputies to the General Convention shall be required to do so not later than twelve months preceding the opening date of the General Convention for which they are chosen. Deputies of jurisdictions failing so to elect may not be seated unless permitted by ruling of the Presiding Officer.
- (b) *Six months prior to the opening date of the General Convention, the Deputies from each Diocese shall comply with training standards as established in the Rules of Order for the House of Deputies.*
- (c) It shall be the duty of each seated Deputy to communicate to the electing jurisdiction the actions taken and the positions established by the General Convention.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of each Diocese to provide a forum in which the Deputies to the General Convention from that jurisdiction have opportunity to report.

**and be it further Resolved**, that the Rules of Order - House of Deputies Section III be amended as follows:

#### **Rules of Order - House of Deputies Section III: Deputations**

##### **A. Chair of Deputation**

1. At least one year before the first legislative session of the General Convention, each Deputation will:
  - i. designate a Chair; and
  - ii. notify the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the name of the Chair.

2. The Deputation Chair will:
  - i. serve as the primary contact for House of Deputies communications;
  - ii. certify the Deputation's votes by orders;
  - iii. certify changes in the Deputation during General Convention;
  - iv. perform other duties as directed by the President.

*B. Mandates Training, Compliance, and Reporting*

1. *Within three years before the first legislative session of the General Convention, each deputation shall:*
  - i. *have elected Deputies and 1st Alternate Deputies complete Anti-Racism and Racial Reconciliation coursework utilized for diocesan or provincial training programs;*
  - ii. *encourage remaining Alternate Deputies to comply; and*
  - iii. *file a single submission with all training certificates to the Secretary of the House of Deputies six months prior to the opening date of General Convention.*
2. *Waivers will apply to:*
  - i. *Dioceses outside the United States until language proficient training programs are readily available; or*
  - ii. *The Committee on Credentials will hear and decide any disputes on certification of Deputations and will report their decision to the House.*

~~B.~~ C. Certification of Alternate Deputies as Deputies

1. Alternate Deputies may not sit or vote with their Deputations, unless and until certified by the Committee on Credentials as a substitute for a Deputy.
2. The Committee on Credentials will certify Alternate Deputies as Deputies before each session.
3. The procedures for certification will be those determined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies.
4. An Alternate Deputy will serve for one or more legislative sessions as Deputy but only until the Deputy for whom he or she substituted is able to resume their seats.
5. The Committee on Credentials will hear and decide any disputes on certification of Deputies and will report their decision to the House.

**Funding**

Training, coursework, and certification costs will be incurred by each Diocese.

**CLIMATE CHANGE – CARBON-INTENSIVE LENDING**

***Resolved***, That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California submits the following resolution to the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

***Resolved***, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council (Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society aka DFMS) and its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund (CPF), to establish and coordinate shareholder strategy addressing Carbon-Intensive Lending by U.S. Banks and other financial lending institutions; and be it further

***Resolved***, That the CCSR and CPF identify banks and financial lending institutions within the DFMS and CPF portfolios that are carbon-intensive lenders and initiate the appropriate shareholder strategy with these institutions to slow global warming; and be it further

***Resolved***, That the General Convention supports joint efforts with the Church of England National Investing Bodies (NIBs) in achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and be it further

***Resolved***, That the General Convention make this coordination a priority for the triennium under the Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation by authorizing reasonable costs to be treated as investment management expenses.

### **SUPPORT FOR THE EMMETT TILL ANTI-LYNCHING ACT**

**Resolved**, That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California recognizes that lynching and the threat of lynching continues to pose a grave and ever-present danger to the Black and Brown people of the United States;

**Resolved**, That this Diocese recognizes that lynching and the threat of lynching constitutes nothing less than conspiratorial racial terrorism designed to subjugate Black and Brown people to white supremacy through a series of targeted brutal acts upon one or more persons by a mob as a message of total and final domination;

**Resolved**, That this Diocese exhorts the United States Senate in the strongest possible terms to promptly pass the Emmett Till Antilynching Act (HR 35) in substantially the form passed by the House of Representatives, and directs the Secretary of the Convention to arrange for the transmittal of this resolution to each of the two senators of California in support of said Act within 21 days;

**Resolved**, That the Diocese of California hereby creates a permanent Healing the Racial Divide Committee for the purpose of creating tangible opportunities to atone for our complacency towards the dehumanization of Black and Brown people and for reconciliation in recognition that we are all created in the image of God; and

**Resolved**, That the Healing the Racial Divide Committee consists of a chair, 3 lay members, 3 clergy members, and up to 2 additional members who are experienced in working toward racial equity and are not employed by the Diocese, its congregations, or any associated bodies, all to be appointed by the chair of the Afro-Anglican Commission with the concurrence of the Archdeacon most senior in vocational diaconal service; and that \$15,000 be allocated yearly for the implementation of its duties.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTING TRANSPARENCY**

**Resolved**, That the 171st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California establishes a policy that starting in Fiscal Year 2021 the Diocese shall improve and maintain its online financial reporting in the following four ways: (1) Include for each line item the budgeted amount, actual expenditures, and variances; (2) Include separate line items showing external legal expenses and external consulting expenses; (3) Post financial statements on the Diocesan website as soon as they have been shared with the Executive Council; and (4) Post online the year-to-date 3rd quarter updates for the current year prior to the annual Convention.

### **ASSESSING THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**Resolved**, That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California submits the following resolution to the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church:

**Resolved**, That the House of Deputies of the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to assess the response of The Episcopal Church to the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of pastoral care, liturgy, evangelism, Christian formation, stewardship, community engagement, communications, and social justice work; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this assessment include an examination of the challenges encountered during the pandemic and of its differing impact on people of different racial and ethnic groups, ages, genders, wealth or precarity, abilities and disabilities, family structures, immigration statuses, and nationalities; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church report and make recommendations to the 81st General Convention for improving the church's response to future disasters and to the changed circumstances of the post-pandemic church, as well as ideas that may be adapted for church life and work in the 21st century.

### **RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH AS A DIOCESAN FEAST DAY AND HOLIDAY**

**Resolved**, That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California recognizes the historic significance of the Emancipation Proclamation, which, though signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, did not reach Texas until June 19, 1865, leaving slavery in existence there for more than two years longer than sanctioned by the United States;

**Resolved**, That this Convention directs the Liturgical Commission to act in conjunction with the Afro-Anglican Commission and the Northern California/Vivian Traylor Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) in creating and implementing a Juneteenth liturgy and series of Juneteenth celebratory events beginning June 19, 2021;

**Resolved**, That this Convention urges the Bishop to establish a diocesan local observance (Feast Day) and holiday for Juneteenth commencing June 19, 2021;

**Resolved**, That this Convention urges the Bishop, working with our Deputation at the 80th General Convention, and acting through resolution or other appropriate means, to work toward the inclusion of the Juneteenth Feast Day in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*; and

**Resolved**, That this Convention advocates making Juneteenth a recognized holiday in the State of California and directs its Secretary to forward this resolution to the Governor and each legislator representing the geographic area of the Diocese of California.

**SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY FOR CLERGY**

***Resolved,*** That the 171st Convention of the Diocese of California directs the Executive Council of the Diocese to prepare and propose to the 172nd Convention a Sabbatical Leave Policy using the findings contained in the Report of the Sabbatical Task Force and in consultation with members of the Sabbatical Task Force;

***Resolved,*** That the proposed Sabbatical Leave Policy shall establish standards and procedures for administering and financing sabbaticals for all paid clergy employed by the Diocese, its congregations and constituent organizations, including sabbatical compensation for Intentional Interim Clergy and model language for letters of agreement between paid clergy and their employers;

***Resolved,*** That the Executive Council, acting as the Board of Directors of the Diocese and with the concurrence of the Bishop, Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, shall establish a Sabbatical Fund or other suitable financial accounting instrument to receive funds donated or allocated for the purpose of compensating Intentional Interim Clergy;

***Resolved,*** That the proposed Sabbatical Leave Policy shall establish eligibility requirements for compensation from the fund established for Intentional Interim Clergy and shall ensure that the fund is financed and maintained in a sound and prudent manner; and

***Resolved,*** That the Committee on Program and Budget and the Executive Council shall add a line item to the budget for 2022 allocating a reasonable amount for contribution to the fund established for the compensation of Intentional Interim Clergy.

## **II. FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

### **2021 ASSESSMENT FORMULA**

**Resolved,** That the 2021 assessment formula shall be:

5.0% assessment on the first \$81,422 of a parish or mission’s operating income for 2019 as defined on Line A of the 2019 parochial report.

17.0% assessment on all such income above \$81,422, provided that:

No parish or mission shall have an increase over 2020 initial assessment (before appeals) of more than 50% or \$21,788, whichever is less.

### **2021 SALARY RESOLUTION**

**Resolved,** That effective January 1, 2021, the minimum annual compensation for clergy employed full time by the Diocese of California and by any parish or mission thereof shall be increased by 1.6% as reflected in the 2021 Mandatory Minimum Salary Schedule shown below.

**Resolved,** That Years of Experience be defined as Credited Service with The Church Pension Fund.

### **2021 MANDATORY MINIMUM COMPENSATION INCLUDING SELF EMPLOYMENT TAX**

<b>Congregation Classification</b>	<b>Experience</b>	<b>Experience</b>	<b>Experience</b>
	<b>0-4 Years</b>	<b>5-9 Years</b>	<b>10+ Years</b>
A	81,422	85,945	90,467
B	84,136	89,112	94,085
C	86,880	92,276	97,704
D	90,467	97,704	104,943
E	99,516	108,561	117,699

**Resolved,**

1. That any deviation below these minimums may be permitted by the Bishop for serious cause, with the Bishop using the Executive Council as a council of advice.
2. When a rectory is provided, cash compensation may be 30% below the minimum figures to parallel Church Pension Fund’s requirement that cash compensation be grossed up by 30% for pension assessment purposes when housing is provided.
3. That employers of all clergy pay to each cleric 50% of the self-employment tax assessed on the cleric’s base compensation as a portion of total compensation (7.65% of base compensation). This amount is included in the schedule above.

4. The Convention strongly urges all churches, whenever possible, to increase the clergy and lay staff compensation by 1.6% for 2021 to accommodate for inflation.
5. That the minimum transportation allowance be \$0.58/mile for congregation-related travel and is to be adjusted in accordance with IRS published rates for 2021.
6. That associate clergy minimums are based on the cleric's years of service at two grade levels below actual congregation classification.

The table titled "2021 Congregational Grade Structure" on page 42 in [the Day of Convention Booklet for the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California](#) is incorporated by reference.

### **2021 BUDGET**

The 2021 Operating Budget adopted by the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention as listed on pages 34 through 39 in [the Day of Convention Booklet for the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California](#) is incorporated by reference.

### **III. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HONORING THE REV. DR. BRADLEY S. HAUFF**

***Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Bradley S. Hauff***, member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Episcopal priest, and Missioner for Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church, ministers faithfully to enable and empower Indigenous Peoples and their respective communities across the Episcopal Church; and

***Whereas***, he shared his time, gracious witness, worship leadership, and historical insights with the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California in our ongoing work to understand and dismantle the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery; and

***Whereas***, he has taught this convention new ways to mourn the pain of our common past and build paths of healing for a brighter future; therefore be it

***Resolved***, That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California says together “Pilamaya” and prays for the ongoing ministry of **The Rev. Dr. Bradley S. Hauff**; and be it further

***Resolved***, That this convention seeks God’s help as we continue to learn and labor in acknowledging the history, struggles, and dignity of the Indigenous Peoples in the communities of the Diocese of California; and be it further

***Resolved***, That this convention recommits our institutions and congregations to build a thriving home in Christ’s grace for all our beloved relatives, made in the image of God.

**HONORING THE REV. ERIC METOYER**

**Whereas, The Rev. Eric Metoyer**, as Associate for Congregational Ministries, Canon to the Ordinary pro tempore, and Director of Mission Development, has faithfully served as the “411 and 911” of the Diocese of California for eight years; and

**Whereas**, he has diligently led efforts of the Diocese of California in dismantling racism and racial reconciliation in our Church; and

**Whereas**, he has offered counsel to clergy across the Diocese of California and mentored students of color at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific; and

**Whereas**, he has represented the Diocese of California faithfully in important Church-wide bodies, such as Living Stones, the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Task Force on Church Planting and Redevelopment, and as a Deputy to General Convention; and

**Whereas**, he has, as pastor and priest, shepherded several congregations of the Diocese of California in transition, including St. Luke’s and St. Cyprian’s, San Francisco; and

**Whereas**, he has co-led the Essential Housing Project, bringing church assets to bear in addressing the housing crisis in the Bay Area; and

**Whereas**, he has never failed to remind the faithful that we are Church whenever we are gathered together; and

**Whereas**, he has thankfully not departed the Diocese of California, but has instead remained in the diocese to lead St. Francis’, San Francisco, as their Rector; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California celebrates and thanks **The Rev. Eric Metoyer** for his good-humored presence, commitment to justice, and wise pastoral leadership among us; and be it further

**Resolved**, That this convention prays that God continue to bless Eric and Jessica, their family, and all they serve in this new chapter of their life and ministry.

**HONORING THE VIVIAN TRAYLOR CHAPTER OF THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS  
AND THE AFRO-ANGLICAN COMMISSION**

**Whereas, the Vivian Traylor Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians** has, for generations, labored tirelessly for justice, born witness to pain and redemption, and supported the struggles, ministries, and leadership of Black people and people of color across the Diocese of California, the greater Bay Area, and the wider Church; and

**Whereas, the Afro-Anglican Commission** has collaborated with UBE in leading the annual Absalom Jones Celebration, illuminating the path in the Diocese of California towards racial justice, healing, and reconciliation; and

**Whereas,** this summer, UBE offered a clear moral voice to the Diocese of California in the face of the horrific killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other Black children of God; and

**Whereas,** they have offered to this convention and the Diocese of California prayerful, inspired witness and truth about the love, pain, tears, perseverance, and wounds they have born with Christ; and

**Whereas,** they have called us to lamentation, repentance, and taking bold action during one of the most critical moments in the Black civil rights movement in fifty years; and

**Whereas,** they have called us together with them to further the work in overcoming racism in The Episcopal Church and wider world, and so be transformed by grace more and more into the Beloved Community; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California thanks and holds up the **Vivian Traylor Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Afro-Anglican Commission** for their faithful witness and prophetic ministry among us; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this convention asks God’s help as we recommit ourselves with these, our sisters and brothers in Christ, our gifts, institutions, and congregations to the ongoing hard work of truth-telling and dismantling the legacy of racism in our hearts, relationships, and communities; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this convention commits ever anew to “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,” to “love our neighbors as ourselves” so that every one of the beloved of God may arrive safely home.

**HONORING MR. TOM FERGUSON**

**Whereas, Mr. Tom Ferguson** has served the Diocese of California with great distinction as its Chief Financial Officer for eight and one-half years; and

**Whereas,** he has been a knowledgeable and sagacious advisor to the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Committee on Program and Budget and has played an integral role in the deliberations of the Executive Council of the Diocese of California; and

**Whereas,** he has formed and directed a strong and efficient Finance Team within the Diocesan Staff; and

**Whereas,** the financial gifts entrusted to the Diocese of California by God through our many grace-filled supporters have been well cared for during the period of his stewardship; and

**Whereas,** he has been a faithful servant and trusted counsellor to the Bishop of California and has been our spirit-filled brother in the Jesus Movement; and

**Whereas,** he has decided to retire from his labors and enjoy the well-deserved rest promised to all God's faithful servants; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California thanks and commends **Mr. Tom Ferguson** for his outstanding service as Chief Financial Officer, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant;" and be it further

**Resolved,** That this convention asks God to bless Tom and Cherielyn and grant them continued health and happiness as they enter this next phase in their life in the Beloved Community of God.

**HONORING MR. BRAD BARBER**

**Whereas, Mr. Brad Barber** has served the Diocese of California with distinction over many years as a delegate from St. Stephen's, Orinda, a member of Executive Council, the Finance Committee, the Investment Committee, and for the past two years as Treasurer of the Diocese; and

**Whereas,** he has brought to the Diocese of California wisdom gained from his decades of experience on community boards and engagement in development work for his home parish; and

**Whereas,** he has shared a thorough, steady hand and focused diligence with the Finance Committee, Executive Council, and congregations of the Diocese of California during one of the greatest challenges to our shared life in living memory; and

**Whereas,** he never leaves any option or possibility unexamined in his deliberation; and

**Whereas,** he undergirds every effort and act of service with a constant faith and a deep affection for The Episcopal Church and our common prayer life; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California thanks and honors **Mr. Brad Barber** for his outstanding leadership in the financial governance of this diocese; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this convention calls for God's ongoing blessing upon Brad and Cindy and their family, continuing to bring forth in them the fruits of the Spirit that have so blessed the people of God.

**HONORING MR. SEAN SWIFT**

**Whereas, Mr. Sean Swift** has served with great distinction as leader of the Bishop’s Ranch for more than thirty years; and

**Whereas,** during his tenure the Bishop’s Ranch has expanded from 30 acres to 343 acres; and

**Whereas,** he has supervised a marvelous transformation of Ranch facilities, adding St. John’s Meeting House, Harrison House, Webb Lodge and the William and Mary Swing Pavilion, as well as major upgrades throughout; and

**Whereas,** he has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Bishop’s Ranch well serves the people of the Diocese of California, making it “a place where lives are changed;” and

**Whereas,** in the words of Hale Foote, President of the Ranch Board, he is “a poet and visionary, inspiring a culture of hospitality that has enabled true respite for all who visit this special place;” and

**Whereas,** he retired from his position as Executive Director on October 1, 2020; and

**Whereas,** the Bishop of California has issued a proclamation naming October 6, 2020 as “Sean Swift Day in the Diocese of California,” and which contains even more wonderful whereas clauses than this resolution; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That this 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California thanks and commends **Mr. Sean Swift** for his faithful and extraordinary service as Executive Director of the Bishop’s Ranch; and be it further

**Resolved,** That this Convention asks God to bless Sean and Caroline with continued health and happiness as they rest from their labors and enjoy their new lives as grandparents.

## **IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

### **ARTICLE XI – REMOVE “DIOCESAN COUNCIL”**

*Passed on its first reading at the 171<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of California.  
This amendment must be passed by the 172<sup>nd</sup> Convention to come into effect.*

#### **Constitution, Article XI**

**Resolved,** That Article XI of the Constitution of the Diocese of California be amended as follows:

#### **Article XI. Forfeiture of Privileges.**

**Sec. 11.1.** Whenever any parish in union with the Convention shall have persistently disregarded or refused to conform to any of the Canons of The Episcopal Church or of the Diocese, the Bishop shall give due notice of such violation to such parish. If, after receipt of the notice by the parish, the parish shall have failed in a timely manner to cure the violation described in the notice, and the Bishop is of the opinion that the parish may be liable to suspension of its privilege of representation in the Convention, or to the dissolution of its parochial relationship with the Diocese, the Bishop shall so advise the Convention. Thereupon, by a concurrent two-thirds vote of the clerical and lay orders, voting separately, the Convention may proceed to suspend the representation of such parish in the Convention or wholly dissolve the parochial relationship of the parish with the Diocese.

**Sec. 11.2.** Whenever, in the judgment of the Bishop, the status of any mission should be changed or the mission dissolved, the Bishop, after consultation with the vicar and the Bishop’s committee, and with the concurrence of the ~~Bishop and Council~~ **Executive Council** of the Diocese (~~“Diocesan Council”~~), may take such action and report the same to the next Convention.

## **V. CANONICAL AMENDMENTS**

### **CANON I – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION**

***Resolved***, that Canon I of the Canons of the Diocese of California be amended as follows and that these amendments take effect immediately upon adoption:

**Sec. 1.01. ~~Date~~ *Time and Place of Annual Convention.***

The Annual Convention shall be held within the last 17 days of October of each year at the time and place fixed by the **Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.**

**Sec. 1.02. *Public Emergency.***

***In the event of an emergency as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 9140 of the California Corporations Code or successor statute, the following shall apply:***

***(a) Notwithstanding Section 1.01, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may fix the date of the Annual Convention for any date that is practicable under the circumstances.***

***(b) The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may call for any Annual or Special Convention to be conducted, in whole or in part, by electronic transmission or by electronic video screen transmission pursuant to rules of order providing the Clerical and Lay members a reasonable opportunity to participate in the Convention and to vote on matters submitted to the Convention, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the Convention concurrently with those proceedings. The Secretary of the Convention shall maintain a record of any votes or other actions taken by means of electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication. Participation in the Convention through the use of electronic transmission or electronic video screen communication pursuant to this Canon constitutes presence in person at the Convention for all purposes.***

***(c) In the event the Ecclesiastical Authority is incapacitated as a result of the emergency, the powers of this Section may be exercised by the first Officer of the Convention in the order listed in Canon V who is not so incapacitated.***

**CANON VI – REMOVAL OF SKILLS REGISTRY**

**Resolved**, That Canon VI, Section 6.09(d) of the Canons of the Diocese of California be amended as follows:

**Sec. 6.09. Committee on Nominations.**

...

**(d) Position ~~and Skills~~ Registry.** The Committee shall establish and maintain a registry of the charge and mission of each office elected by Convention (except the offices of Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, and Bishop Suffragan) and each position appointed by the Bishop or any other Officer of Convention. ~~The Committee shall also create and maintain a roster of interested candidates, cross-referenced with their particular gifts and skills for use by the Committee and the Bishop. In its registry, the Committee shall also identify qualified Clerics and laity throughout the Diocese willing to serve on the governing board of each Diocesan Institution.~~

**CANONS XI & XII – NOTICE AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

**Resolved,** That Convention makes the following changes to the Canons of the Diocese of California:

**Sec. 11.11. The Vestry.**

(a) Subject to the provisions of law and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the parish, the vestry of the parish (of which the rector shall be, ex officio, a voting member) shall constitute the board of directors of the parish corporation. The temporal activities and affairs of the parish corporation shall be conducted, and all corporate powers shall be exercised, by or under the direction of the vestry acting as the board of directors of the parish corporation. The powers of the vestry shall include, but not be limited to, the power to fill any vacancy or vacancies in that body that may occur before the next annual parish meeting, and to call special parish meetings. The vestry may delegate the management of the temporal activities of the corporation to any person or persons, provided that the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the vestry.

*(b) Virtual Meetings. Members of the Vestry, or any other congregational bodies, may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or electronic video screen communication. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone or electronic video screen communication constitutes presence in person at that meeting as long as all members participating in the meeting are able to hear one another.*

*(c) Notice. Regular meetings of the Vestry may be held without notice if the time and place of the meetings are fixed by the bylaws. Special meetings of the Vestry shall be held upon four (4) days' notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone. Notice by email or electronic messaging shall be allowed only to the extent allowed in the bylaws or by law, and shall not be effective unless delivered within 48 hours of the meeting. The Vestry may adopt other or different notice provisions in bylaws or otherwise, to the extent allowed by law.*

**Sec. 11.14. Notice of Meetings.**

Notice of the date, time and place of every parish meeting shall be mailed to the entire parish not less than ~~20-10~~ days prior to the date of such meeting. The parish may adopt a bylaw providing for any reasonable method of sending such notice **consistent with law** instead of or in addition to U.S. Mail. The results of any election or summary of any action taken at a special or annual meeting of the parish shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the parish premises within seven days after the meeting and remain so posted for at least three consecutive Sundays.

**Sec. 12.03. Governance of Organized Missions.**

*12.03(j) Except to the extent clearly inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this section, or with California law, the notice, meeting, and virtual participation provisions of Sections 11.11 and 11.14 of these canons shall apply to missions and the meetings of Bishop's Committees and missional congregations.*

## **VI. CHANGES TO THE RULES OF ORDER**

### **RULE 1 – ELIGIBILITY TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION AND TASK FORCES PROPOSING ACTION BY CONVENTION**

#### **Before Convention**

#### **Section 1 - Procedure for Resolutions**

Any resolution to be considered by the Convention, other than those necessary matters of procedure and business of the Convention, must be received by the Chair of the Resolutions Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of Convention. Resolutions may be submitted by any *canonically resident* cleric, ~~or any elected~~ lay delegate ~~or alternate-eligible to vote at the Convention~~, or by any ~~parish, mission~~ *congregation, deanery* or other ~~officially~~ recognized diocesan organization. *In questions concerning eligibility of any submitter, the Committee may rely on a determination by the Secretary.*

Included on the copy of the proposed resolution shall be the name and address of the proposer of the resolution. In the case of resolutions submitted by an organization, the resolution shall state the name of the Rector, Vicar, Chair, or other person duly authorized by that organization to respond to questions and accept amendments to such resolutions.

It shall be open to other persons or organizations to be listed as supporters of a resolution.

*1.2 When a task force or other temporary committee established by the Convention submits a report requesting action by the Convention, the proposed action shall be included in the report's recommendations in the form of a resolution, and that resolution shall be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions for its review according to these rules. The Committee on Resolutions shall not be required to review the content of the report other than the proposed resolution.*

*All subsequent subsections in Rule 1 are renumbered accordingly.*

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIONS OF THE 171<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION**

### **ADMISSION OF SEA EPISCOPAL**

Convention received certification from the Canon to the Ordinary on behalf of the Bishop that SEA Episcopal was duly organized as a mission and therefore passed a motion for SEA Episcopal to be admitted into union with the Convention under Article 10.2.

Resolutions and Actions certified by: *The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG, Secretary of the Convention*

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS REPORT & QUORUM

**Clergy present** representing 66 of 73 congregations  
**Lay Delegates present** representing 68 of 73 congregations  
*constituting a quorum under Canon 4.01*

### CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS\*

#### **Standing Committee – Class of 2024**

Clergy: Mauricio Wilson  
Lay: Robyn Amos

#### **Standing Committee – Class of 2023**

Clergy: Todd Bryant

#### **Executive Council – Class of 2023**

Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore  
Sherry Lund

#### **Secretary of the Convention**

Richard Edward Helmer

#### **Treasurer of the Diocese**

Lane Ringlee

#### **Standing Committee Officers – 2020-2021**

*elected by the Standing Committee*

President: Deb White  
Vice President: Pam Jester  
Secretary: Noreen Huey

#### **Ballot Results**

*Under Canon 7.07, the Bishop directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for nominees for all uncontested offices, leaving only the lay member for Standing Committee Class of 2024 to be elected by general ballot.*

#### **Ballot #1**

*certified by the Committee on Elections*

<b><u># of Ballots Counted</u></b>	<b><u># Needed to Elect</u></b>
<b>Clergy</b> 115	58
<b>Lay</b> 133	67

#### **Standing Committee in the Lay Order**

*Class of 2024*

<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Clergy</u></b>	<b><u>Lay</u></b>	<b><u>Outcome</u></b>
Robyn Amos	102	114	<i>ELECTED</i>
Richard Compean	13	19	
Sean McConnell	<i>withdrew from nomination</i>		

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE BISHOP

#### **Commission on Ministry – Class of 2024**

Davey Gerhard  
Cameron Partridge  
Barbra Ruffin-Boston

#### **Chancellor**

Christopher Hayes

#### **Vice Chancellor**

Philip S. (Sandy) Boon

Election Results certified by: *The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG, Secretary of the Convention*

*\* Certification of elections subject to requests for recanvassing under Rule 7.9 through November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020*