

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-01

To provide seat and voice to ordained clergy, not canonically resident, but licensed to officiate, or to lead congregations; invitation to be seated at convention to ordained ministers present during Convention as well as to postulants and candidates for holy orders.

PROPOSED BY: The Rev. Canon Patricia M. Grace, Secretary of Convention,
Knoxville, TN

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: The Rev. Canon Grace

Resolved, that all ordained ministers of this church who are not canonically resident in this diocese, but who officiate under license and/or who are in charge of congregations in the diocese, be given seats and voice in the deliberations of this 34th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee; and

Resolved, that all ordained ministers of this church present in this city of Knoxville during the sessions of this convention, all postulants and candidates for holy orders in the diocese, and all ordained ministers of other communions present in Knoxville be cordially invited to seats upon the floor of convention.

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-02

To ratify Bishop and Council actions regarding the 2017 Budget

PROPOSED BY: Bishop and Council

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: Mr. John Hicks, Diocesan Treasurer,
Christ Church, Rugby, TN

WHEREAS, by its action, the Thirty-third Annual Convention of The Diocese of East Tennessee convened in Knoxville on Friday, February 10, 2017, and approved a budget for The Diocese; and

WHEREAS, in the wisdom of the Bishop and Council, certain items of the Budget were exceeded but the total expenditures were less than the budgeted total; and

WHEREAS, by Canon 2, Sec. 2 (a), it is necessary for the Convention to approve budgets; and

WHEREAS, the budget as approved in its February 2017 Convention was \$1,847,767 and

WHEREAS, the actual budgeted disbursements were \$1,724,410; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Financial Statements reflect all detailed records of disbursements over and under the budget recited herein by reference, reflect the best judgment and good offices of the Bishop and Council and Treasurer in performing under said budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the acts and actions of the Bishop and Council in authorizing disbursements in excess of line items in the 2017 budget as approved by their various actions during 2017, be and are hereby ratified by this Convention as authorized and approved.

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-03

To add the definition of a Vicar to the Canons. The position of Vicar currently is being utilized in a limited capacity in this Diocese. It is appropriate to define the position.

PROPOSED BY: The Committee on Constitutions and Canons

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: L. Marie Williams

RESOLVED, That Title I, Canon 1 of the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended to add the definition of Vicar.

CANON 1: Definitions

Unless otherwise defined in these Canons, the terms used herein shall have the same definition as they have in the Constitution and Canons of The Church.

As used in this and other Titles, the following words and phrases have the following definitions:

“Annual report” means the report of each Parish and other Congregation required by Title I, Canon 6, Section 1 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, and by Title VII, Canon 1 herein.

“Areas” means the counties or sections of counties constituting the Diocese of East Tennessee as provided in the Constitution.

“Assistant Minister” and “Associate Minister” mean all ordained clergy of a Parish other than the Rector. “The Bishop” means the Bishop of the Diocese.

“Chair” means the person who presides at the Convention as provided in Article VII of the Constitution.

“Chancellor” means that person, learned in the law, who is the legal advisor to the Bishop, the Convention, the Standing Committee, and the Bishop and Council upon all legal matters of the Diocese.

“Church” means the church as defined in the Canons of The Episcopal Church, otherwise known as The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

“Clergy” means Bishops, Priests, and Deacons canonically resident in this Diocese.

“Clerk” is another name for the office of the Secretary of a Vestry or a College Chapel.

“Communicant” and “Communicant in Good Standing” refer to such persons as defined in Title I, Canon 17 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

“Council” or “the Bishop and Council” means the Council provided for in Title II, Canon 7. “Cure” means a place of ordained ministry.

“Diocese” means The Diocese of East Tennessee, a corporation chartered by the State of Tennessee.

“Ecclesiastical Authority” means the Bishop, or if there is no Bishop, then the Bishop Coadjutor, or if there is neither, then the Standing Committee.

“Journal” means the Journal of the Annual Convention.

“Rector” means the priest called as the Chief Minister of a Parish and elected as such pursuant to these Canons and the Canons of the Church.

“Registrar” means that person whose duty is to collect and preserve such papers, reports, journals, records, and other documents relating to the history and property of the Diocese as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of the Diocese and to keep them in a safe and convenient place, subject to the inspection of the Bishop or the Convention at any time.

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Diocese.

“Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee as defined in the Canons of the Church. “Treasurer” means the Treasurer of the Diocese.

“Vicar” means a priest appointed by the Bishop as the Bishop’s representative and clergy in charge of a parish or cure for a finite period of time, as further provided in Title V, Canon 1.

“Written Notice” includes electronic communications, such as notice by fax and email.

Words used in these Canons to refer to persons are to be interpreted in a generic sense to include both females and males.

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-04

To include the title of Vicar in Title V, Ministers
Amended 2/9/18

PROPOSED BY: The Committee on Constitutions and Canons

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: L. Marie Williams

RESOLVED, That Title V, Canon 1 of the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended to add Section 6(c) as set out below:

TITLE V: MINISTERS

CANON 1: Calling to Cure of Souls

Sec. 6. (a) It shall be the duty of the Vestry to make arrangements for maintaining the services of the Church during the interim period of the opening. In consultation with and under the guidance of the Bishop, the Vestry shall employ a Priest during that time under one of the following three classifications:

Supply - A Priest who conducts weekday and Sunday services.

Extended Supply - A Priest who conducts weekday and Sunday services and provides pastoral care in emergencies.

Interim Rector - A Priest with Parish experience and interim ministry skills and training, who can give guidance to parishes during an interim period, and who understands and is trained to respond to dynamics and issues that may exist during the interim period. The Parish and the Interim Rector shall enter into a letter of agreement which sets forth the responsibilities, stipend, and allowances of the Interim Rector and which shall be reviewed by the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor and approved by the Bishop. The Interim Rector may not be called directly as Rector, but may ultimately be called as Rector after serving as Priest-in-Charge pursuant to the provisions of Section 6(b) below, with the approval of the Vestry and the Bishop.

Under special circumstances as determined by the Bishop, the Bishop may offer a Parish the appointment of a Priest-in-Charge. The following standards are established for the relationship among the Parish, the Priest-in-Charge, and the Bishop:

The Bishop shall appoint the Priest-in-Charge with the consent of the Vestry.

The Parish, Priest-in-Charge, and the Bishop shall enter into a letter of agreement, which shall follow the guidelines for such agreements and be reviewed by the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor.

The length of the relationship shall be for a maximum of three years. The length may be shortened at the discretion of the Bishop.

An evaluation of the relationship shall be conducted by the office of the Bishop at six-month intervals.

The Parish shall engage in a self-study during the relationship and shall begin or continue a search for a Rector pursuant to diocesan guidelines when authorized by the Bishop.

After consultation with and the approval of the Bishop, the Priest-in-Charge may be called as Rector.

Under special circumstances as determined by the Bishop, **with the consent of the vestry**, the Bishop shall appoint a Vicar to serve for a finite period of time, usually one year, as the Bishop's representative in a parish. The Vicar has the same authority as a Rector with the exception of tenure. The Bishop appoints a Vicar in order to put a priest in place quickly to address an existing special situation or unique need and to facilitate the proper functioning and health of the parish.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:

This Resolution adds Vicar to the priests listed in this Canon. The position of Vicar currently is being utilized in a limited capacity in this Diocese. This is a companion resolution to the resolution defining "Vicar."

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-05

To permit electronic voting by Bishop and Council

PROPOSED BY: The Committee on Constitutions and Canons

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: L. Marie Williams

RESOLVED, That Title II, Canon 7, Section 9, of the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended as set out below:

Sec. 9. The Council shall meet with the Bishop not less frequently than four times per year, one of which may be immediately prior to or immediately following the meeting of the Convention. The dates, times and places of all regular meetings shall be set by the Council. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Bishop, or by the Secretary on request of any four elected members of the Council. Written Notice of all meetings shall be given each member by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the meetings, except the meeting immediately after adjournment of the Convention. Said Written Notice may be given by electronic means. A majority of the elected members shall constitute a quorum.

In addition to scheduled, in-person meetings, action may be taken in the following ways:

Any member of the Council may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Examples include teleconference by speakerphone and various types of online audio communication, which may, but need not, include video communication. A Council member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting

Action may be taken without a meeting. If all Council members consent to taking such action without a meeting, the affirmative vote of the number of Council members that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting is the action of the board. The action must be evidenced by one (1) or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each Council member, and included in the minutes filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Action taken under this section is effective when the last Council member signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date. A consent signed under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

A Council member may waive any notice required in this section. Except as provided hereafter, the waiver must be in the form of a document, signed by the Council member entitled to the notice, and filed with the minutes or the corporate records. A Council member's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice of the meeting unless the Council member at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his/her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:

Occasionally, logistical issues arise which preclude the presence of a member but a quorum is needed for a vote. This mechanism is a practical resolution to this issue. It is provided for in existing Tennessee law at T.C.A. 48-56-201, *et seq.*, and is set out here for ease of access.

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution # 2018-06

To authorize a continuing consideration of the desirability of entering into a formal companion relationship with the Missionary Diocese of Kondo, Tanzania, East Africa

PROPOSED BY: Rev. J.W. (Cal) Calhoun, Rector, Church of the Good Samaritan and Rev. Dorothy (Dorrie) Pratt, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONVENTION: The Rev. J.W. (Cal) Calhoun, Rector, Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville and Rev. Dorothy (Dorrie) Pratt, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville

RESOLVED, That the 34th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee asks Bishop Cole to take all such steps necessary to continue consideration whether the Diocese of East Tennessee is called to enter into a formal Companion Relationship with the Missionary Diocese of Kondo, Tanzania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Bishop, or such committee as he may designate, make a recommendation about the formation of a Companion Relationship to the 35th Annual Convention at its next meeting in 2019.

RATIONALE:

The Rt. Reverend Dr. Given Gaula and his wife the Reverend Lillian Gaula have been called by God through Christ to serve as missionaries to the peoples of Kondo, an impoverished area in Central Tanzania, East Africa that is historically and predominantly unfamiliar with the Good News of Christ.

Bishop Gaula and Rev. Lillian Gaula have labored with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to such good effect that the Anglican Church in Kondo has grown from 9000 members in 2012 to 15,000 members in 2016.

During the past four years Bishop Gaula and Rev. Lillian Gaula have visited the Diocese of East Tennessee and preached the Good News of Christ at St Paul's, Chattanooga; The Church of the Ascension, Knoxville; The Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville; St James, Knoxville; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville and the Episcopal School of Knoxville and have also visited and met with leaders of All Saints, Morristown, All Saints Episcopal School Morristown, and the Episcopal Church Women.

Members of St Paul's, Ascension, Good Samaritan, Good Shepherd, St Clare's, St Stephen's, and St John's have journeyed to Kondo in 2014, 2015 and 2017 to worship with the Anglican peoples of Kondo and have returned spiritually refreshed and

invigorated by the warmth and enthusiasm of our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Kondo, Tanzania, East Africa.

A fourth group from this Diocese will now visit Kondo in June, 2018 to participate in the ordination of the first female priests in Kondo. The group will include Bishop Cole, his wife Susan, Rev. Dorrie Pratt, Rev. Cal Calhoun and his wife Anna, and members from at least three other parishes.

Before his retirement in 2017, Bishop George. D. Young III met with Bishop Given Gaula on two occasions and determined that the Christian friendships that have grown up between our Diocese and the Missionary Diocese of Kondo are Spirit filled and worthy of support and recognition by the Diocese of East Tennessee.

Bishop Young previously suggested that this Diocese should examine the establishment of an official relationship with the Diocese of Kondo, Tanzania and to report to this Convention.

Bishop Cole has recently accepted an invitation from Bishop Gaula and Rev. Lilian Gaula to visit the Diocese of Kondo and to witness and participate in the ordination of the first female Anglican priests in this historically Muslim area of East Africa.

The purpose of this resolution is to give formal recognition and warm encouragement to the growing ties and bonds of Christian affection which have grown up between the people of our Diocese and the people of the Diocese of Kondo and to encourage the continued growth of our mutual relationships centered in our common devotion to Christ.

This resolution has no financial impact on the Diocese or its congregations.

THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
2018 DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Resolution #2018-07
Amended 2/9/18

To provide a resolution of support for the DuBose Conference Center's Vision 20/20 Capital Campaign and the Grace Point Camp and Conference Center.

PROPOSED BY: The Vestry of St. Paul Episcopal Church, Seymour, TN

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: David Thomas

RESOLVED, that this 34th Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee encourage all parishes and worshipping communities of the Diocese **to consider contributing** to the DuBose Conference Center's Vision 20/20 Capital Campaign **and the Grace Point Camp and Conference Center by making a four year pledge.**