

CANONICAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions to Amend Diocesan Canon 14, Section 3

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Title of the Resolution: Revision to Diocesan Canon 14, Section 3 (“Duties of the Trustees”)

Text of the Resolution(s):

RESOLVED, that this 243rd Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of New York amend Canon 14, Section 3 of the Canons of the Diocese by deleting Paragraph 11 (“To review, before submission to the Standing Committee, all requests by Congregations for consents under the Religious Corporations Law for the sale or alienation of real estate.”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Convention amend former Paragraphs 12 through 15 of Canon 14, Section 3 of the Canons of the Diocese by renumbering them as Paragraphs 11 through 14 of Canon 14, Section 3.

Explanation

The list of the duties of the Trustees of the Diocese in Diocesan Canon 14, Section 3 is several decades old and no longer corresponds to current practice. The Trustees do not have the resources to review as a body all requests by congregations for consents under the Religious Corporations Law for the sale or alienation of real estate, before those requests are submitted to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Therefore, the Bishop’s Staff, assisted from time to time by the Real Estate Committee of the Trustees of the Diocese, reviews such requests, before they are submitted to the Bishop and the Standing Committee for their consents under the Religious Corporations Law.

The Trustees of the Diocese request that the 243rd Convention approve these resolutions to amend Diocesan Canon 14, Section 3 with immediate effect, as provided in Diocesan Canon 35, by unanimous vote of the Convention or by a two-thirds vote by both Orders.