

PART V - COMMITTEES OF THE DIOCESE

CANON 19-STANDING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership. The Standing Committee shall consist of four clerical members and four lay persons of the Diocese to be elected by ballot. At each annual Convention, one clerical member and one lay person shall be elected to serve for four years and no longer. Any Person so elected shall be deemed to have resigned from the Standing Committee if he/she fails to attend three meetings of the Standing Committee during any twelve-month period. Vacancies in the Standing Committee occurring by death or otherwise shall be filled temporarily by the concurrent vote of the clerical and lay members of the Standing Committee until the next annual Convention and then shall be filled by the Convention. Except in the case of members chosen to fill vacancies, no Standing member of the Standing Committee shall be eligible for membership for one year after the expiration of her/his term of office.

Section 2. Duties. The Standing Committee shall serve as the Council of Advice to the Bishop and shall have such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed in the Constitutions and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese. In case of the absence or disability of the Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are or may be specially delegated to, or enjoined upon, the clerical members of the Standing Committee; in which cases such powers and duties shall be exercised by the clerical members alone; provided that no sentence shall be pronounced on a Priest or Deacon but by a Bishop.

Section 3. Records under Canon 33. The record of all proceedings upon the presentment or the trial of a Priest or Deacon shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Section 4. Consents under Religious Corporations Law §12. Whenever application shall be made to the Standing Committee for its consent for leave to sell, mortgage, or lease real property, which at the time of such application is used by a Congregation for regular religious services, the Standing Committee shall not give its consent until it shall appear to its satisfaction that notice of the proposed sale, mortgage or lease has been given to the Congregation.

Section 5. Annual Reports. The Standing Committee shall annually report to the Convention for its information such of its completed official acts as do not pertain to the exercise of its functions as a council of advice to the Bishop.

CANON 20-COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Section 1. There shall be a Commission on Ministry consisting of not fewer than ten members, to be appointed by the Bishop and to serve at the pleasure of the Bishop. The chair of the Commission on Ministry shall be appointed by the Bishop from among the Commission on Ministry's members. Insofar as possible, clergy and laity shall be represented in equal numbers on

the Commission on Ministry, and the membership shall reflect the geographic diversity of the Diocese.

Section 2. The duties of the Commission shall be to assist the Bishop in all matters specified by the Canons of the General Convention as follows:

1. Determining present and future needs for ministry in the Diocese.
2. Recruiting and selecting persons for holy orders and in guiding and examining postulants and candidates for orders.
3. Providing for the guidance and pastoral care of clergy and lay persons who are in stipendiary and non-stipendiary positions accountable to the Bishop.
4. Promoting the continuing education of the clergy and of lay persons employed by the Church.
5. Supporting the development, training, utilization and affirmation of the ministry of the laity in the world.

CANON 21-OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE DIOCESE

To facilitate the work of the Diocese, the Convention may from time to time establish such committees of the Diocese with such duties as it may determine, and, unless otherwise provided, the Bishop shall appoint members thereto.

PART VI - CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS

CANON 22-UNION BETWEEN CONGREGATIONS AND CONVENTION

Section 1. Every Congregation subject to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese shall also be subject to the Convention and required to maintain union therewith.

To obtain admission into such union the Congregation must deliver its application to the Secretary of the Convention at least 40 days before the meeting thereof together with the following:

1. The resolution of the Vestry, Trustees or Advisory Council under seal (a) authorizing such application for admission, (b) agreeing to be bound by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, and (c) agreeing to pay its clergy in regular installments, but not less frequently than monthly, a salary (in proportion to the time engaged) not less than the minimum provided in Canon 26, and to provide a suitable residence or housing allowance.
2. The Certificate of the Vestry, Trustees or Advisory Council under seal evidencing that the Congregation is willing and able among its own members to provide the salary required by Canon 26 and to provide a suitable residence or housing