

**Resolutions adopted at the 43rd Annual Convention
Meeting at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
Melbourne, Florida
January 21, 2012**

R:1 Camp and Conference Center Sunday

Presenters: The Reverends Jonathan Davis and William Yates

BE IT RESOLVED:

that this 43rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida recognizes the high value of the sacred spaces called Camp Wingmann and the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that one Sunday a year, to be determined by the Bishop, be declared Canterbury-Wingmann Sunday with special prayers to be said, offerings taken and designated on their behalf to be divided evenly between the two ministries for their growth and benefit.

C-1 Amend Canon IV, Section 2

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon IV, (Quorum and Methods of Voting in Convention) Section 2 be amended as follows (*additions are underlined, deletions are indicated by ~~strikeout~~*):

Section 2.

The clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body. Every member having the right to vote in accordance with Canon II shall be entitled to one vote, and except when herein otherwise expressly provided, a majority of all the votes cast shall determine any question submitted to the Convention. The election of ~~a Bishop and~~ deputies to General Convention shall be by a majority of all votes cast. For all other elections, except for the election of a Bishop, including the election of alternate deputies to General Convention, on the third and subsequent ballots and with the approval of a majority of the Convention, the election shall be by a plurality of all votes cast. Only voting members present in person at the Convention may vote on matters coming before the Convention.

To the choice of a Bishop the concurrent vote, by ballot, (which may be by electronic means), of a majority of the clergy members having the right to vote present in the Convention and of the lay members present in the Convention, voting separately, shall be necessary.

C-2 Revision of Canon VI, Section 3

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon VI, (Diocesan Board and Officers) Section 3 (Election of the Board), be amended as follows (*additions are underlined*):

Section 3. Election of the Board; Eligibility of Lay Members

The members of the Board shall be elected for 3 year terms. One clerical and two lay persons at large shall be elected each year at the Annual Convention. In addition, for each Deanery the Dean from the clerical order, and the President from the lay order, shall be elected by the Deanery Convocation for 3 year terms. Both the Dean and the President for each Deanery shall serve on the Diocesan Board. Members shall not be eligible for re-election until one Convention year shall have elapsed after the expiration of such member's term, but a member serving only a partial term is eligible for re-election to a full term of three years.

A lay person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board who is entitled to vote on matters coming before the Parish or Mission of this Diocese of which that person is a member, is at least 18 years of age, and is a confirmed communicant in good standing of such Parish or Mission.

C-3 Amend Canon IX

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon IX (Standing Committee) be amended as follows (*additions are underlined*):

The Standing Committee shall be composed of seven members, four clerical members and three lay members. The four clerical members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 4 year term, with one such member's term expiring each year. The three lay members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 3 year term with one such member's term expiring each year. Members shall not be eligible for re-election until one Convention year shall have elapsed after the expiration of such member's term. A member serving only a partial term is eligible for re-election to a full term.

The election shall be by concurrent vote of both orders. The Standing Committee shall fill all vacancies on the Committee. The person filling such vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Convention.

A lay person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Standing Committee who is entitled to vote on matters coming before the Parish or Mission of this Diocese of which that person is a member, is at least 18 years of age, and is a confirmed communicant in good standing of such Parish or Mission.

C-4 Amend Canon XVII, Section 3

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon XVII, Section 3, be amended as follows (*additions are underlined*):

Only communicant members of a Parish who are 16 years of age and over, whose names are duly enrolled as such in the register of the said Parish, and who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be entitled to vote on all matters coming before the Parish for a vote including the election of Vestry members. The vote of no person shall be questioned unless his or her right to vote shall be first challenged by a qualified elector. In the event of such challenge, the right of such person to vote shall be passed upon by a Committee of three appointed by the Rector (or in the event there shall be no Rector, then by the Senior Warden), and the findings of such Committee shall be final and binding. Only members entitled to vote at the meeting of the Parish at which a vote is to be taken and who are present may vote or member who is unable to attend due to illness or physical condition and who received prior written approval from the Bishop or the Bishop's designee to vote by absentee ballot.

C-5 Amend Canon XVII, Section 8

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon XVII, Section 8, be amended as follows (*additions are underlined*):

Meetings of the Vestry shall be held annually, to receive reports of officers and committees, pass on the same, and turn over the affairs of the Parish to the newly elected Vestry. Other meetings of the Vestry may be provided for at regular times or called by the Rector, or, in the Rector's absence by the Senior Warden, or at the request of two members of the Vestry. The Ecclesiastical Authority has the discretion to call a meeting of the Vestry of any Parish and preside at such meeting. Only members of the Vestry present at the meeting of the Vestry in person or by two-way electronic voice or voice

and video may vote at a meeting. A member of the Vestry may not appoint a proxy or designate another person to vote for the Vestry member at any meeting of the Vestry.

C-6 Amend Canon XVI, Section 7

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon XVI, (Ordained Ministers) Section 7, (Deacons) (f), be amended by deleting it in its entirety as follows (*deletions are indicated by ~~strikeout~~*):

~~(f) Upon attaining the age of seventy two years, each Deacon occupying any position in this Diocese shall resign that position and retire from active service, and the resignation shall be accepted. Thereafter, the Deacon may accept any position in this Diocese; provided, that (1) the tenure in this position shall be for a period of not more than one year, which period may be renewed from time to time, and (2) service in the position shall have the express approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority.~~

C-7 Amend Canon XXIII, Section 1

Presenter: Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED:

that Canon XXIII (Church Pension Fund), Section 1 be amended as follows (*additions are underlined*):

In conformity with the legislation adopted by the General Convention of 1913, pursuant to which the Church Pension Fund was duly incorporated, and in conformity with the Canon of the General Convention, "Of the Church Pension Fund," as heretofore amended and as it may hereafter be amended. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is accepted and acknowledged as the authorized and approved pension system for the clergy of this Diocese and for their dependents and as the authorized agency to establish and administer the lay employee pension system and denominational health plan of the Church.

Special Resolution: Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Bishop John W. Howe

Presenter: The Reverend Al Jenkins

RESOLVED:

that this 43rd Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida, meeting at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Melbourne, Florida on January 21, 2012, gives thanks to Almighty God and to His servant, our bishop, John W. Howe for his twenty-three years of faithful service to this diocese.