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169th ANNUAL COUNCIL

Waco Convention Center
February 15-17, 2018

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This year, donations and council offerings will be sent to the Diocese of Puerto Rico, to help with the rebuilding process after Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Cash and credit only, no items. Text the amount you like to donate to 713.322.4885.

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 15, 2018

2:00 p.m.	Check-In Opens Exhibits Open	McLennan Hall
	<i>Special Workshop/Rehearsal:</i> Diocesan Choir for Opening Eucharist	First Baptist, Waco
4:00 p.m.	Workshops	Convention Center
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Story of Episcopal Health Foundation and Church• Strategic Mission Grants - Reaching Beyond Your Church Walls• Jeopardy! With the Mission Amplification Team• Harvey Recovery Opportunities• Parish Wellness Programs: Fruitful Food Ministries	Texas Room North 114-115 Texas Room South 118 Ranger Room 109-110 Ranger Room 106-107 Texas Room South 116
5:00 p.m.	Check-In Closes	
5:15 p.m.	Exhibits Close	
5:30 p.m.	Clergy Vesting	First Baptist, Waco*
6:00 p.m.	Opening Eucharist	First Baptist, Waco*
7:30 p.m.	40 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Celebration	Convention Center
	Dinner Buffet with Cash Bar Exhibits Re-Open	Chisolm Hall McLennan Hall
	#EDOT40	

Friday, February 16, 2018

7:30 a.m.	Check-In Opens iPad Checkout Opens Exhibits Open Continental Breakfast	McLennan Hall
8:30 a.m.	Workshops	Convention Center
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Delegates Orientation• Orientación para los Delegados Nuevos• Budget & Finance• Constitution and Canons• Delights and Surprises: Missional Community Leaders• General Convention Volunteer Opportunities• Episcopal Health Foundation - How to Get Involved	Brazos Ballroom North Ranger Room 109-110 Texas Room South 116 Ranger Room 106-107 Texas Room North 118 Texas Room North 114-115 Brazos Ballroom South
9:30 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting Opens	Chisolm Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study• Constitution & Canons• Budget• Resolutions• Plenary I• Plenary II	
12:00 p.m.	Box Lunches	McLennan Hall

* - meeting location outside of the Waco Convention Center

1:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Continues	Chisolm Hall
4:30 p.m.	Business Meeting Recesses Check-In Closes iPad Turn-In Free Time	
Evening	Evening for Parish Dinners, Hospitality	On your own

Saturday, February 17, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	
7:30 a.m.	Check-In Opens iPad Checkout Opens Exhibits Open	McLennan Hall
9:00 a.m.	Business Meeting Resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study• Great Commission Bell• Elections• Bishop’s Address	Chisolm Hall
10:00 a.m.	Clergy Spouse Brunch	Sabine Room, Hilton*
12:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Adjourns Exhibits Close iPad Turn-In	

COUNCIL GUESTS

Bishop Jane Alexander

Bishop of Edmonton, a bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada



Bishop Jane Alexander, guest preacher at this year's Diocesan Council, is one of five female Anglican bishops in Canada. Raised in a non-religious household, Bishop Alexander's unlikely calling survived an early ban on attending church by her non-believing parents.

Originally, it was music that allowed Alexander, born and raised in England, a view into a life of faith. In an interview with an Edmonton magazine, Bishop Alexander remembered singing hymns in school assemblies.

She was allowed to attend church with a friend as a teenager only because her father was sure she would hate it. "So I went, and I loved it. I absolutely loved it. Then he said, 'Well, you can't go back,'" Alexander said in the interview.

At 19, she was startled to experience a moment of grace and certainty during a choral performance. Bishop Alexander was singing the last chorus of the St. Matthew Passion when she started sobbing, "because I realized that I meant the words," she said.

Bishop Alexander was baptized at 25 and began raising a family while she pursued a career in educational psychology, moving to Canada in 1990. She taught at the University of Alberta and at 37, the mother of four entered Newman Theological College. She was ordained in 1998, serving as a deacon for three years and a priest for seven, in parishes in and around Edmonton. In 2008, the Diocesan Synod elected her Bishop of Edmonton, to succeed Bishop Victoria Matthews: a historic first which brought the Anglican Church of Canada another step forward in its acceptance of women in leadership.

Her vision of church is one that is engaged with the world. "It has to be a church that looks outwards, that sees the world and relationships, warts and all, and says we can do better," Bishop Alexander believes.

Bishop Alexander is the tenth Bishop of Edmonton, leading the church in her city into faithful service and mission, while also contributing to the development of the Anglican Communion's commitments to discipleship, ecological stewardship and mutual listening. She describes her focus for the diocese in the phrase "creating a missional culture," forming members of the church as outward-looking disciples, while also seeking practical ways to live God's good news in partnership with the secular city.

Bishop Alexander's leadership in Edmonton is closely identified with the city's anti-poverty initiative, first as she co-chaired the mayor's task force, and in her role as co-chair of End Poverty Edmonton. This project reflects Bishop Alexander's vision of bringing many elements of the city together, including business, academia, social services, health care, spiritual and government leaders, and the poor themselves; all for the purpose of "ending poverty in Edmonton in a generation." The Mayor of Edmonton, Don Iveson, describes the Bishop's work with End Poverty as "relentless, dogged and passionate."

Alongside this priority, she invites her diocese to reflect deeply on reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

Bishop Alexander is greatly respected for her leadership in a number of areas of global Anglicanism with work highlighting the impact climate change is having on diverse communities around the world; as well as in the ground-breaking dialogue between Canadian and African bishops, seeking a new basis for mutual respect in the face of disagreements.

She serves on the Communion Task Force on Discipleship and Evangelism, and on the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council, a vehicle for communication and coordination between the churches of the Communion.

Opening worship will be held Thursday evening, February 15, 2018 at First Baptist Church, 500 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706 at 6:00 p.m. Clergy processing are to wear cassock, surplice and white stoles. Vesting is at the church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be signs guiding you to vesting room.

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II. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

*Pre-Council Report of the
COMMITTEE for CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
to the 169th Council*

(Type of Proposal)	(No. of Proposals)
A - Constitutional proposals, 2nd reading:	2
B - Constitutional proposals, 1st reading:	3
C - Canonical proposals:	5

A. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**
(Presented for second reading requiring 2/3rds majority approval from each Order)

**Article 2
THE COUNCIL**

EXISTING:

Section 2.7 Quorum

At the regular Annual Council, one quarter of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and a Lay Delegate from one quarter of the congregations in union with the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is obtained.

PROPOSED:

Section 2.7 Quorum

At the regular Annual Council, one ~~quarter~~ half of the active (non-retired) of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and a Lay Delegate from one ~~quarter~~ half of the congregations in union with the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is obtained.

IF AMENDED:

Section 2.7 Quorum

At the regular Annual Council, one half of the active (non-retired) of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and a Lay Delegate from one half of the congregations in union with the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is obtained.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by The Executive Board): This quorum was originally set in the previous century and provided for the difficulties of travel at that time. There still may be times when conditions, such as inclement weather, may prevent the majority of the delegates for

Council from gathering at the designated location where Diocesan Council is to be held in any given year. A one-half quorum will allow for adequate representation to be had for the business of the Diocese to be conducted at Diocesan Council.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND READING.

**Article 4
OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

EXISTING:

Section 4.2 (This section has been deleted)

Section 4.3 Officers

The officers of the Diocese shall be as follows: the Standing Committee, the Executive Board, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Archivist, a Historian, a Chancellor, one or more Vice Chancellors, and such other officers as the Council may hereafter create by Canon. All officers shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing in some Parish or Mission in union with the Council, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be set forth by Canon.

Section 4.4 Time of Elections – Special Elections

The officers of the Diocese shall be elected at the Council at such time as the Council may direct. The election of the Registrar, Archivist, Historian, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor shall be upon nomination of the Bishop.

Section 4.5 Terms of Office

The terms of all officers, if not otherwise fixed by the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, shall be for one year and until their successors are elected, unless sooner removed by the Council.

Section 4.6 Duties of Officers

The duties of all officers shall be such as may be incident to their offices and such other duties as may be declared by Canon.

Section 4.7 Deputies to General Convention

The Annual Council next preceding the date which is one year prior to the next regular meeting of the General Convention of the Church shall elect four Clerical Deputies and four Lay Deputies to represent this Diocese in the said General Convention at any regular or called meeting of the General Convention. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons, in either case canonically resident in the Diocese. The Lay Deputies shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing resident in the Diocese.

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- (a) There may be elected at the same time four Clerical Alternates and four Lay Alternates from whom the Bishop may designate one or more as necessary to supply any deficiency in the representation. If there be no Bishop, the power of designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.
- (b) To assure a full representation of this Diocese in the General Convention, the Standing Committee, when necessary, shall appoint qualified representatives to supply any deficiency and such appointments shall have the full force and effect of an election by the Council.

Section 4.8 Delegates to Provincial Synod

The Annual Council next preceding the meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Church shall elect four Clergy and four Lay Delegates to represent this Diocese in the meeting of the Synod. The same provisions concerning the election of alternates and the powers of the Bishop and Standing Committee, as well as qualifications of representatives, shall apply in this election as in the choice of deputies to the General Convention.

Section 4.9 System of Voting

In all elections, the voting shall be by voting machines or other mechanical or electronic devices or by ballot unless unanimously dispensed with. To facilitate elections, except in an election to the Episcopate, the Council may adopt and define by Canon some form of the preference system of voting.

PROPOSED:

Section 4.2 (This section has been deleted)

Section ~~4.3~~ 4.2 Officers

The officers of the Diocese shall be as follows: the Standing Committee, the Executive Board, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Archivist, a Historian, a Chancellor, one or more Vice Chancellors, and such other officers as the Council may hereafter create by Canon. All officers shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing in some Parish or Mission in union with the Council, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be set forth by Canon.

Section ~~4.4~~ 4.3 Time of Elections – Special Elections

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Section ~~4.5~~ 4.4 Terms of Office

The terms of all officers, if not otherwise fixed by the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, shall be for one year and until their successors are elected, unless sooner removed by the Council.

Section ~~4.6~~ 4.5 Duties of Officers

The duties of all officers shall be such as may be incident to their offices and such other duties as may be declared by Canon.

Section ~~4.7~~ 4.6 Deputies to General Convention

- (a) The Annual Council next preceding the date which is one year prior to the next regular meeting of the General Convention of the Church shall elect four Clerical Deputies and four Lay Deputies to represent this Diocese in the said General Convention at any regular or called meeting of the General Convention. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons, in either case canonically resident in the Diocese. The Lay Deputies shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing resident in the Diocese.
- (b) There may be elected at the same time four Clerical Alternates and four Lay Alternates from whom the Bishop may designate one or more as necessary to supply any deficiency in the representation. If there be no Bishop, the power of designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.
- (c) To assure a full representation of this Diocese in the General Convention, the Standing Committee, when necessary, shall appoint qualified representatives to supply any deficiency and such appointments shall have the full force and effect of an election by the Council.
- (d) The four clerical deputies and the four lay delegates so elected shall also serve as delegates to the Provincial Synod preceding General Convention.

Section 4.8 — Delegates to Provincial Synod

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Section ~~4.9~~ 4.7 System of Voting

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IF AMENDED:

Section 4.2 Officers

The officers of the Diocese shall be as follows: the Standing Committee, the Executive Board, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Archivist, a Historian, a Chancellor, one or more Vice

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Chancellors, and such other officers as the Council may hereafter create by Canon. All officers shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing in some Parish or Mission in union with the Council, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be set forth by Canon.

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The duties of all officers shall be such as may be incident to their offices and such other duties as may be declared by Canon.

Section 4.6 Deputies to General Convention

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- (b) There may be elected at the same time four Clerical Alternates and four Lay Alternates from whom the Bishop may designate one or more as necessary to supply any deficiency in the representation. If there be no Bishop, the power of designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.
- (c) To assure a full representation of this Diocese in the General Convention, the Standing Committee, when necessary, shall appoint qualified representatives to supply any deficiency and such appointments shall have the full force and effect of an election by the Council.
- (d) The four clerical deputies and the four lay delegates so elected shall also serve as delegates to the Provincial Synod preceding General Convention.

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SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by The Executive Board): Section 4.2 was previously deleted and should be removed, and the subsequent sections should be renumbered.

Former Section 4.8 was merged with former Section 4.7 to create new Section 4.6 of this Article. This proposed change makes the general convention delegates (clergy and lay) the delegates for Provincial Synod as well. Provincial Synod has evolved, and it now serves primarily as a pre-General Convention meeting, just as we hold pre-council meetings in the Diocese. Sending to Provincial Synod persons who will not be attending General Convention is not a wise use of their time and talent or diocesan financial resources. Their time would be better spent in other ministry.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND READING.

**B. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
(Presented for publication on first reading)**

**Article 1
AUTHORITY**

EXISTING:

Section 1.1 Accedes to General Constitution and Canons

The Church in the Diocese shall, and does hereby accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

Section 1.2 Authority in Diocese

The authority of the Church in this Diocese is vested in the Bishop, a Council, and a Standing Committee.

Section 1.3 Authority in Absence of Bishop

If the office of Bishop be vacant, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes in the administration of the affairs of the Diocese under the Constitution and Canons is vested in the Standing Committee.

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PROPOSED:

Section 1.1 Accedes to General Constitution and Canons

The Church in the Diocese shall, and does hereby accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

Section 1.2 Authority in Diocese

The authority of the Church in this Diocese is vested in the Bishop Diocesan, a Council, and a Standing Committee.

Section 1.3 Authority in Absence of Bishop Diocesan

If the office of Bishop Diocesan be vacant, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes in the administration of the affairs of the Diocese under the Constitution and Canons is vested in the Standing Committee.

IF AMENDED:

Section 1.1 Accedes to General Constitution and Canons

The Church in the Diocese shall, and does hereby accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges its authority.

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Section 1.3 Authority in Absence of Bishop Diocesan

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SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): This proposed change clarifies that the authority of the Church lies specifically in the office of the Bishop Diocesan.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROPOSAL FOR A FIRST READING.

Article 1 THE COUNCIL

EXISTING:

Section 2.1 Membership of the Council

The voting membership of the Council of this Diocese shall consist of the following:

- (a) The Bishop, when there is one, who shall be *ex-officio* President of the Council, and of the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, and of the Bishops Suffragan, if there be such; and they shall be entitled to all privileges and membership in the Council.
- (b) All Members of the Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, whose letters dimissory have been accepted by the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, or who have been ordained within this Diocese and who have not, in contemplation of removal from this Diocese, applied for letters dimissory.
- (c) Lay Delegates chosen by and representing the several Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, which may, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, be entitled to such representation.
- (d) Lay Delegates representing College Chaplaincies of this Diocese. "College Chaplaincies" shall mean those colleges and universities, and any branch thereof, in which the work of the Episcopal Church is approved by the Bishop for such representation.
- (e) Pastoral Leaders who have been placed in charge of a Parish or an Organized Mission, or Lay Chaplains who have been placed in charge of a College Chaplaincy, of the Diocese by the Bishop.
- (f) Lay delegates representing the Youth Ministry of the Diocese. The Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall mean those communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese who are at least 11 years of age and no older than 18 years of age.

Section 2.2 Lay Representation in Council

Each Parish in union with the Council shall be entitled to representation therein by four Lay Delegates, and each College Chaplaincy in union with the Council shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate. Lay representation for each Mission in union with the Council shall be based on the Mission's Average Sunday Attendance reported in the Journal of the previous year's Council: Each Mission reporting up to 200 shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate; each Mission reporting between 201 and 400 shall be entitled to two Lay Delegates; and each Mission reporting 401 or more shall be entitled to three Lay Delegates. The Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate from each convocation within the Diocese. Delegates from Parishes and Missions shall be elected by the congregation, or by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee, as the case may be, which may, at the same time, choose an equal number of alternates. In the event that, of those elected, less than the number permitted is able to attend the Council, the Rector or Priest in Charge is authorized, and is hereby obligated, to make such selections as may ensure a full representation in the Council. Lay Delegates from the College Chaplaincies shall be appointed by the Bishop, after consultation with the Chaplain, if there be one. Upon

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being seated by the Council, those so selected shall have the same standing as those elected. Lay Delegates from the Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the appropriate youth missionary.

Section 2.3 Qualifications of Delegates

All Lay Delegates representing Parishes and Organized Missions shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Parish or Mission they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All Lay Delegates from the College Chaplaincies shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Episcopal Church, registered students at the institution they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All Lay Vicars in charge of an Organized Mission, or Lay Chaplains in charge of a College Chaplaincy must be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese and placed in charge of the institution they represent by the Bishop. All Lay Delegates from the Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese in the particular convocation they represent, at least 14 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon.

PROPOSED:

Section 2.1 Membership of the Council

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- (b) All Members of the Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, whose letters dimissory have been accepted by the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, or who have been ordained within this Diocese and who have not, in contemplation of removal from this Diocese, applied for letters dimissory.
- (c) Lay Delegates chosen by and representing the several Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, which may, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, be entitled to such representation.
- (d) Lay Delegates representing College Chaplaincies Campus Ministries of this Diocese. "College Chaplaincies Campus Ministries" shall mean those colleges and universities, and any branch thereof, in which the work of the Episcopal Church is approved by the Bishop for such representation.
- (e) Pastoral Leaders who have been placed in charge of a Parish or an Organized Mission, or Lay ~~Chaplain~~Missioners who have been placed in charge of a ~~College Chaplaincy~~Campus Ministry, of the Diocese by the Bishop.
- (f) Lay delegates representing the Youth Ministry of the Diocese. The Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall mean those communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese who are at least 11 years of age and no older than 18 years of age.

Section 2.2 Lay Representation in Council

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Section 2.3 Qualifications of Delegates

All Lay Delegates representing Parishes and Organized Missions shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Parish or Mission they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All Lay Delegates from the ~~College Chaplaincies~~Campus Ministry shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Episcopal Church, registered students at the institution they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All ~~Lay Vicars~~Pastoral Leaders in charge of an Organized Mission, or Lay ~~Chaplain~~Missioners in charge of a ~~College Chaplaincy~~Campus Ministry must be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese and placed in charge of the institution they represent by the Bishop. All Lay Delegates from

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IF AMENDED:

Section 2.1 Membership of the Council

The voting membership of the Council of this Diocese shall consist of the following:

- (a) The Bishop, when there is one, who shall be ex-officio President of the Council, and of the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, and of the Bishops Suffragan, if there be such; and they shall be entitled to all privileges and membership in the Council.
- (b) All Members of the Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, whose letters dimissory have been accepted by the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, or who have been ordained within this Diocese and who have not, in contemplation of removal from this Diocese, applied for letters dimissory.
- (c) Lay Delegates chosen by and representing the several Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, which may, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, be entitled to such representation.
- (d) Lay Delegates representing Campus Ministries of this Diocese. "Campus Ministries" shall mean those colleges and universities, and any branch thereof, in which the work of the Episcopal Church is approved by the Bishop for such representation.
- (e) Pastoral Leaders who have been placed in charge of a Parish or an Organized Mission, or Lay Missioners who have been placed in charge of a Campus Ministry, of the Diocese by the Bishop.
- (f) Lay delegates representing the Youth Ministry of the Diocese. The Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall mean those communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese who are at least 11 years of age and no older than 18 years of age.

Section 2.2 Lay Representation in Council

Each Parish in union with the Council shall be entitled to representation therein by four Lay Delegates, and each Campus Ministry in union with the Council shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate. Lay representation for each Mission in union with the Council shall be based on the Mission's Average Sunday Attendance reported in the Journal of the previous year's Council: Each Mission reporting up to 200 shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate; each Mission reporting between 201 and 400 shall be entitled to two Lay

Delegates; and each Mission reporting 401 or more shall be entitled to three Lay Delegates. The Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate from each convocation within the Diocese. Delegates from Parishes and Missions shall be elected by the congregation, or by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee, as the case may be, which may, at the same time, choose an equal number of alternates. In the event that, of those elected, less than the number permitted is able to attend the Council, the Rector or Priest in Charge is authorized, and is hereby obligated, to make such selections as may ensure a full representation in the Council. Lay Delegates from the Campus Ministries shall be appointed by the Bishop, after consultation with the Campus Missioner, if there be one. Upon being seated by the Council, those so selected shall have the same standing as those elected. Lay Delegates from the Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the appropriate youth missioner.

Section 2.3 Qualifications of Delegates

All Lay Delegates representing Parishes and Organized Missions shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Parish or Mission they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All Lay Delegates from the Campus Ministry shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Episcopal Church, registered students at the institution they represent, at least 18 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon. All Pastoral Leaders in charge of an Organized Mission, or Lay Missioners in charge of a Campus Ministry must be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese and placed in charge of the institution they represent by the Bishop. All Lay Delegates from the Youth Ministry of the Diocese shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Organized Mission of the Diocese in the particular convocation they represent, at least 14 years of age, and shall possess such other qualifications as may be required by Canon.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): In sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, College Chaplaincy, Chaplains (in relation to campus ministry), and Lay Vicar are all archaic terms no longer in use in the Diocese. The replacement terms align these sections with the terminology used in the Diocese.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROPOSAL FOR A FIRST READING.

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Article 4 OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

EXISTING:

Section 4.6 Deputies to General Convention

- (a) The Annual Council next preceding the date which is one year prior to the next regular meeting of the General Convention of the Church shall elect four Clerical Deputies and four Lay Deputies to represent this Diocese in the said General Convention at any regular or called meeting of the General Convention. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons, in either case canonically resident in the Diocese. The Lay Deputies shall be at least 18 years of age and shall be confirmed communicants in good standing resident in the Diocese.
- (b) There may be elected at the same time four Clerical Alternates and four Lay Alternates from whom the Bishop may designate one or more as necessary to supply any deficiency in the representation. If there be no Bishop, the power of designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.
- (c) To assure a full representation of this Diocese in the General Convention, the Standing Committee, when necessary, shall appoint qualified representatives to supply any deficiency and such appointments shall have the full force and effect of an election by the Council.
- (d) The four clerical deputies and the four lay delegates so elected shall also serve as delegates to the Provincial Synod preceding General Convention.

PROPOSED:

Section 4.6 Deputies to General Convention

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IF AMENDED:

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- (d) The four Clerical Deputies and the four Lay Deputies so elected shall also serve as delegates to the Provincial Synod preceding General Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): In Section 4.6(d), the term “Delegates” is changed to “Deputies” and the references to Clerical and Lay Deputies is capitalized to make the language of this section consistent with prior sections.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS PROPOSAL FOR A FIRST READING.

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C. CANONICAL AMENDMENTS

EXISTING:

TITLE III PARISHES, MISSIONS, AND SCHOOLS

Canon 1 PARISHES AND MISSIONS

Section 1.1 Organization – Name

A Parish, which has not been previously organized as a Mission, may be organized under any appropriate name by the adoption of Articles of Association and by duly choosing a Vestry and Wardens, at such time as it is capable of meeting all the financial obligations of a Parish, as well as its Assessment.

- (a) By not less than twenty-five confirmed communicants residing in any place in the Diocese, where there is not an organized Parish, and not less than ten of whom shall be at least 11 years of age.
- (b) Notice shall be given to the Bishop, but if there be no Bishop, then to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing and shall contain such information as will enable the Bishop to pass upon the propriety of the act, and such notice shall be signed by the persons proposing to organize a Parish.
- (c) The notice shall be substantially as follows:

“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, earnestly desiring to promote the holy influence of the Christian religion in our hearts, and those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Diocese of Texas, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize and to whose Liturgy and mode of worship and discipline we promise conformity.

We further certify our ability to maintain the regular services of a Minister without assistance from the Diocese, or from any other Parish, and to this end we pledge ourselves to raise annually not less than the sum of _____ dollars for the salary of the Rector.”
- (d) The Bishop, if the Bishop shall approve the notice, or in the Bishop’s absence, the Standing Committee if they approve, shall give a certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Diocese with the papers upon which the

certificate of approval was granted. Such approval shall be a condition precedent to the admission of the Parish into union with the Council of the Diocese.

- (e) As soon as the Bishop or Standing Committee, if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate, gives approval, the parties signing the notice of intention to organize shall meet and enter into Articles of Association as follows:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

“We whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to enjoy the privileges of religious worship and instruction according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have this _____ day of _____, A. D. _____, at _____, in the State of Texas, formed ourselves into a congregation and adopted the following Articles of Association:

Article 1. This congregation shall be known by the name of Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Church.

Article 2. This congregation acknowledges, accedes to, and adopts the Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas.

Article 3. When any person uniting with this congregation shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, that person shall cease to be a member of this congregation.

Article 4. In the election of a Rector of _____ Church, the Vestry shall have due regard for the wishes of the Communicants of the Church, but no election is to be had until the name of the person selected or desired has been made known to the Bishop by the Wardens of the Church, and sufficient time been given the Bishop to communicate with the Wardens and Vestry.

Article 5. The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues raised by this congregation from time to time shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and

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support of the Rector or Minister and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church and to no other purposes whatever.

Article 6. In the case of the dissolution of this congregation for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Corporation known in law as the 'Protestant Episcopal Church Council of the Diocese of Texas,' to be held in trust by said corporation for the benefit of any future congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church which may be formed in this place or its vicinity, upon the same principles as the present congregation."

- (f) A certified copy of the Articles of Association shall be presented to the Committee on Parishes & Missions preceding the committee's recommendations to the Annual Council. The Committee on Parishes and Missions shall, after evaluating all of the requirements under this canon, make a recommendation at the next annual Council regarding admission of the parish. The Council may act, giving or withholding its consent to the union of the said Parish with the Council as may seem best for the interests of the Church.

Section 1.2 Parochial Missions

Missions may be organized by any Parish, with the consent of the Bishop, by the Rector of the Parish or under the Rector's supervision, and such Mission shall be governed by such officers, and under such rules and regulations as may be satisfactory to the Rector of the Parish; but no such Mission shall be admitted into union with the Council, or be entitled to any allowance from the Executive Board of the Diocese without the consent of the Rector of the Parish and its Vestry.

Section 1.3 Missions Petitioning to Become Parishes

Any Mission organized under the provisions of Title III.5 may petition the Council to be admitted as a Parish, at such time as it is capable of meeting all the financial obligations of a Parish, as well as its Assessments.

Section 1.4 Remitting Parishes to Missions

- (a) Whenever the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, or if there be no Rector, the Wardens and Vestry of an existing Parish, shall unite in a petition to the Bishop, asking that such Parish shall be remitted to the position of an organized Mission, stating fully the grounds for such petition, the Bishop may, in the Bishop's discretion, grant or refuse said petition and the Bishop's action

thereon shall be recorded with said petition in the minutes of the said Parish, and by the Bishop reported at the next Annual Council.

- (b) If the Wardens and Vestry of any Parish shall fail for a period of six months without just cause to elect a Rector, such Parish shall be considered dormant, and the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may remit such Parish to the position of an Organized Mission, and such action shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council.

Section 1.5 Suspending Parishes or Missions

- (a) Suspending Parishes or Missions from the right of representation in the Council of the Diocese shall be effected according to Article 6 of the Constitution. The suspension or dissolution of a Parish or Organized Mission must be in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution.
- (b) Any Parish failing in three years out of the five years next preceding any Annual Council to elect a Vestry, to pay its assessments as assessed by the Council, to make the reports required by Canons, or to provide for the services of a Minister at least quarterly, shall lose voice and vote in the Council until the Council, by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine; and upon a like failure for five consecutive years, shall be dropped from the roll of Parishes and remitted to the missionary field, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine. Any Parish failing for one year to comply with the terms of its organization may, at the discretion of the Bishop, be declared by the Bishop to cease to exist as a Parish and to thereby become a Mission of the Diocese, and such action by the Bishop shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council for record.
- (c) Any Mission failing for two years to comply with the terms of its organization shall be suspended from union with the Council, subject to restoration by a two-thirds vote of the Council, and upon a like failure for three years, it forfeits its organization.

Section 1.6 Ministry Employees

All Youth Ministers, Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Lay Ministry, and Directors of any other ministry, whether compensated or otherwise, serving in any Diocesan Entity shall

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be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission of the Diocese. The Bishop may make exception of the requirement set forth in the preceding sentence, within such limitations and conditions as the Bishop may prescribe. Every Diocesan Entity shall report annually with respect to all Lay Ministry Directors: (1) the names, offices, and addresses of each Lay Ministry Director; (2) the Parish or Mission of which each Lay Ministry Director is an adult confirmed communicant in good standing; and (3) such other information as the Bishop may require.

PROPOSED:

Title III
PARISHES, MISSIONS, CONGREGATIONS, COMMUNITIES, AND SCHOOLS

Canon 1
PARISHES AND MISSIONS CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Section 1.1 Organization – Name

A Parish, which has not been previously organized as a Mission, may be organized under any appropriate name by the adoption of Articles of Association and by duly choosing a Vestry and Wardens, at such time as it is capable of meeting all the financial obligations of a Parish, as well as its Assessment.

- (a) By not less than twenty-five confirmed communicants residing in any place in the Diocese, where there is not an organized Parish, and not less than ten of whom shall be at least 11 years of age.
- (a) Notice shall be given to the Bishop, but if there be no Bishop, then to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing and shall contain such information as will enable the Bishop to pass upon the propriety of the act, and such notice shall be signed by the persons proposing to organize a Parish.
- (b) The notice shall be substantially as follows:

*“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, earnestly desiring to promote the holy influence of the Christian religion in our hearts, and those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Diocese of Texas, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize and to whose Liturgy and mode of worship and discipline we promise conformity.
We further certify our ability to maintain the regular*

services of a Minister without assistance from the Diocese, or from any other Parish, and to this end we pledge ourselves to raise annually not less than the sum of _____ dollars for the salary of the Rector.”

- (c) The Bishop, if the Bishop shall approve the notice, or in the Bishop’s absence, the Standing Committee if they approve, shall give a certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Diocese with the papers upon which the certificate of approval was granted. Such approval shall be a condition precedent to the admission of the Parish into union with the Council of the Diocese.
- (d) As soon as the Bishop or Standing Committee, if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate, gives approval, the parties signing the notice of intention to organize shall meet and enter into Articles of Association as follows:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

“We whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to enjoy the privileges of religious worship and instruction according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have this _____ day of _____, A. D. _____, at _____, in the State of Texas, formed ourselves into a congregation and adopted the following Articles of Association:

- Article 1. This congregation shall be known by the name of Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of _____ Church.*
- Article 2. This congregation acknowledges, accedes to, and adopts the Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas.*
- Article 3. When any person uniting with this congregation shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, that person shall cease to be a member of this congregation.*
- Article 4. In the election of a Rector of _____ Church, the Vestry shall have due regard for the wishes of the Communicants of the Church, but no election is to be had until the name of the person selected or desired has been made known to the Bishop by the Wardens of the Church, and sufficient time been given the Bishop to communicate with the Wardens and Vestry.*
- Article 5. The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues raised by this congregation from time to time shall be applied by the Wardens and*

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Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church and to no other purposes whatever.

Article 6. In the case of the dissolution of this congregation for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Corporation known in law as the 'Protestant Episcopal Church Council of the Diocese of Texas,' to be held in trust by said corporation for the benefit of any future congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church which may be formed in this place or its vicinity, upon the same principles as the present congregation."

- (e) A certified copy of the Articles of Association shall be presented to the Committee on Parishes & Missions preceding the committee's recommendations to the Annual Council. The Committee on Parishes and Missions shall, after evaluating all of the requirements under this canon, make a recommendation at the next annual Council regarding admission of the parish. The Council may act, giving or withholding its consent to the union of the said Parish with the Council as may seem best for the interests of the Church.

Section 1.2 Parochial Missions

Missions may be organized by any Parish, with the consent of the Bishop, by the Rector of the Parish or under the Rector's supervision, and such Mission shall be governed by such officers, and under such rules and regulations as may be satisfactory to the Rector of the Parish; but no such Mission shall be admitted into union with the Council, or be entitled to any allowance from the Executive Board of the Diocese without the consent of the Rector of the Parish and its Vestry.

Section 1.3 Episcopal Missional Communities

- (a) An Episcopal Missional Community may be established beyond the walls and membership of a Congregation. An Episcopal Missional Community shall organize under the auspices of a Head of Congregation. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Missional Communities existing in the Diocese, their location, and the means provided for their oversight.
- (b) Episcopal Missional Communities do not have voice and vote at Annual Diocesan Council unless members are elected to council as delegates from the sponsoring congregation. Members of an Episcopal Missional Community may exercise all rights of

membership in the sponsoring congregation if they are qualified as members under the Canons of the Diocese.

Section 1.4 Episcopal Fellowships

In any place where there is not a Parish or organized Mission, and where the establishment of a Mission does not appear feasible, an Episcopal Fellowship may be established by the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, by the Standing Committee, upon such terms, conditions, and limitations and with such provision for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Fellowships existing, their location, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence. Upon recommendation of the Bishop and with approval of the Council, each Episcopal Fellowship shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate to any meeting of Council and may be seated with voice, but without vote.

Section 1.5 Special Evangelical Missions

At the request of one or more sponsoring parishes, the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Standing Committee may establish a Special Evangelical Mission upon such terms, conditions, and limitations, and with such provisions for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Special Evangelical Missions existing, their location and sponsors, the nature of their ministries and the needs being met, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence.

Section 1.6 Missions Petitioning to Become Parishes

Any Mission organized under the provisions of Title III.5 may petition the Council to be admitted as a Parish, at such time as it is capable of meeting all the financial obligations of a Parish, as well as its Assessments.

Section 1.7 Remitting Parishes to Missions

- (a) *Whenever the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, or if there be no Rector, the Wardens and Vestry of an existing Parish, shall unite in a petition to the Bishop, asking that such Parish shall be remitted to the position of an organized Mission, stating fully the grounds for such petition, the Bishop may, in the Bishop's discretion, grant or refuse said petition and the Bishop's action thereon shall be recorded with said petition in the minutes of the said Parish, and by the Bishop reported at the next Annual Council.*
- (b) *If the Wardens and Vestry of any Parish shall fail for a period of six months without just cause to elect a Rector, such Parish shall be considered dormant, and the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the*

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Standing Committee, may remit such Parish to the position of an Organized Mission, and such action shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council.

Section 4-51.8 Suspending Parishes or Missions

- (a) *Suspending Parishes or Missions from the right of representation in the Council of the Diocese shall be effected according to Article 6 of the Constitution. The suspension or dissolution of a Parish or Organized Mission must be in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution.*
- (b) *Any Parish failing in three years out of the five years next preceding any Annual Council to elect a Vestry, to pay its assessments as assessed by the Council, to make the reports required by Canons, or to provide for the services of a Minister at least quarterly, shall lose voice and vote in the Council until the Council, by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine; and upon a like failure for five consecutive years, shall be dropped from the roll of Parishes and remitted to the missionary field, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine. Any Parish failing for one year to comply with the terms of its organization may, at the discretion of the Bishop, be declared by the Bishop to cease to exist as a Parish and to thereby become a Mission of the Diocese, and such action by the Bishop shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council for record.*
- (c) *Any Mission failing for two years to comply with the terms of its organization shall be suspended from union with the Council, subject to restoration by a two-thirds vote of the Council, and upon a like failure for three years, it forfeits its organization.*

Section 4-61.9 Ministry Employees

All Youth Ministers, Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Lay Ministry, and Directors of any other ministry, whether compensated or otherwise, serving in any Diocesan Entity shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission of the Diocese. The Bishop may make exception of the requirement set forth in the preceding sentence, within such limitations and conditions as the Bishop may prescribe. Every Diocesan Entity shall report annually with respect to all Lay Ministry Directors: (1) the names, offices, and addresses of each Lay Ministry Director; (2) the Parish or Mission of which each Lay Ministry Director is an adult confirmed communicant in good standing; and (3) such other information as the Bishop may require.

IF AMENDED:

Title III CONGREGATIONS, COMMUNITIES, AND SCHOOLS

Canon 1 CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Section 1.1 Organization – Name

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- (b) By not less than twenty-five confirmed communicants residing in any place in the Diocese, where there is not an organized Parish, and not less than ten of whom shall be at least 11 years of age.
- (f) Notice shall be given to the Bishop, but if there be no Bishop, then to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing and shall contain such information as will enable the Bishop to pass upon the propriety of the act, and such notice shall be signed by the persons proposing to organize a Parish.
- (g) The notice shall be substantially as follows:

*“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, earnestly desiring to promote the holy influence of the Christian religion in our hearts, and those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Diocese of Texas, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize and to whose Liturgy and mode of worship and discipline we promise conformity.
We further certify our ability to maintain the regular services of a Minister without assistance from the Diocese, or from any other Parish, and to this end we pledge ourselves to raise annually not less than the sum of _____ dollars for the salary of the Rector.”*
- (h) The Bishop, if the Bishop shall approve the notice, or in the Bishop's absence, the Standing Committee if they approve, shall give a certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Diocese with the papers upon which the certificate of approval was granted. Such approval

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shall be a condition precedent to the admission of the Parish into union with the Council of the Diocese.

- (i) As soon as the Bishop or Standing Committee, if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate, gives approval, the parties signing the notice of intention to organize shall meet and enter into Articles of Association as follows:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

"We whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to enjoy the privileges of religious worship and instruction according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have this _____ day of _____, A. D. _____, at _____, in the State of Texas, formed ourselves into a congregation and adopted the following Articles of Association:

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Article 2. This congregation acknowledges, accedes to, and adopts the Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas.

Article 3. When any person uniting with this congregation shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, that person shall cease to be a member of this congregation.

Article 4. In the election of a Rector of _____ Church, the Vestry shall have due regard for the wishes of the Communicants of the Church, but no election is to be had until the name of the person selected or desired has been made known to the Bishop by the Wardens of the Church, and sufficient time been given the Bishop to communicate with the Wardens and Vestry.

Article 5. The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues raised by this congregation from time to time shall be applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church and to no other purposes whatever.

Article 6. In the case of the dissolution of this congregation for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Corporation

known in law as the 'Protestant Episcopal Church Council of the Diocese of Texas,' to be held in trust by said corporation for the benefit of any future congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church which may be formed in this place or its vicinity, upon the same principles as the present congregation."

- (j) A certified copy of the Articles of Association shall be presented to the Committee on Parishes & Missions preceding the committee's recommendations to the Annual Council. The Committee on Parishes and Missions shall, after evaluating all of the requirements under this canon, make a recommendation at the next annual Council regarding admission of the parish. The Council may act, giving or withholding its consent to the union of the said Parish with the Council as may seem best for the interests of the Church.

Section 1.2 Parochial Missions

Missions may be organized by any Parish, with the consent of the Bishop, by the Rector of the Parish or under the Rector's supervision, and such Mission shall be governed by such officers, and under such rules and regulations as may be satisfactory to the Rector of the Parish; but no such Mission shall be admitted into union with the Council, or be entitled to any allowance from the Executive Board of the Diocese without the consent of the Rector of the Parish and its Vestry.

Section 1.3 Episcopal Missional Communities

- (a) An Episcopal Missional Community may be established beyond the walls and membership of a Congregation. An Episcopal Missional Community shall organize under the auspices of a Head of Congregation. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Missional Communities existing in the Diocese, their location, and the means provided for their oversight.
- (b) Episcopal Missional Communities do not have voice and vote at Annual Diocesan Council unless members are elected to council as delegates from the sponsoring congregation. Members of an Episcopal Missional Community may exercise all rights of membership in the sponsoring congregation if they are qualified as members under the Canons of the Diocese.

Section 1.4 Episcopal Fellowships

In any place where there is not a Parish or organized Mission, and where the establishment of a Mission does not appear feasible,

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an Episcopal Fellowship may be established by the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, by the Standing Committee, upon such terms, conditions, and limitations and with such provision for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Fellowships existing, their location, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence. Upon recommendation of the Bishop and with approval of the Council, each Episcopal Fellowship shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate to any meeting of Council and may be seated with voice, but without vote.

Section 1.5 Special Evangelical Missions

At the request of one or more sponsoring parishes, the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Standing Committee may establish a Special Evangelical Mission upon such terms, conditions, and limitations, and with such provisions for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Special Evangelical Missions existing, their location and sponsors, the nature of their ministries and the needs being met, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence.

Section 1.6 Missions Petitioning to Become Parishes

Any Mission organized under the provisions of Title III.5 may petition the Council to be admitted as a Parish, at such time as it is capable of meeting all the financial obligations of a Parish, as well as its Assessments.

Section 1.7 Remitting Parishes to Missions

- (a) *Whenever the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, or if there be no Rector, the Wardens and Vestry of an existing Parish, shall unite in a petition to the Bishop, asking that such Parish shall be remitted to the position of an organized Mission, stating fully the grounds for such petition, the Bishop may, in the Bishop's discretion, grant or refuse said petition and the Bishop's action thereon shall be recorded with said petition in the minutes of the said Parish, and by the Bishop reported at the next Annual Council.*
- (b) *If the Wardens and Vestry of any Parish shall fail for a period of six months without just cause to elect a Rector, such Parish shall be considered dormant, and the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may remit such Parish to the position of an Organized Mission, and such action shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council.*

Section 1.8 Suspending Parishes or Missions

- (a) *Suspending Parishes or Missions from the right of representation in the Council of the Diocese shall be*

effected according to Article 6 of the Constitution. The suspension or dissolution of a Parish or Organized Mission must be in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution.

- (b) *Any Parish failing in three years out of the five years next preceding any Annual Council to elect a Vestry, to pay its assessments as assessed by the Council, to make the reports required by Canons, or to provide for the services of a Minister at least quarterly, shall lose voice and vote in the Council until the Council, by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine; and upon a like failure for five consecutive years, shall be dropped from the roll of Parishes and remitted to the missionary field, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Board, shall otherwise determine. Any Parish failing for one year to comply with the terms of its organization may, at the discretion of the Bishop, be declared by the Bishop to cease to exist as a Parish and to thereby become a Mission of the Diocese, and such action by the Bishop shall be reported by the Bishop to the next Annual Council for record.*
- (c) *Any Mission failing for two years to comply with the terms of its organization shall be suspended from union with the Council, subject to restoration by a two-thirds vote of the Council, and upon a like failure for three years, it forfeits its organization.*

Section 1.9 Ministry Employees

All Youth Ministers, Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Lay Ministry, and Directors of any other ministry, whether compensated or otherwise, serving in any Diocesan Entity shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission of the Diocese. The Bishop may make exception of the requirement set forth in the preceding sentence, within such limitations and conditions as the Bishop may prescribe. Every Diocesan Entity shall report annually with respect to all Lay Ministry Directors: (1) the names, offices, and addresses of each Lay Ministry Director; (2) the Parish or Mission of which each Lay Ministry Director is an adult confirmed communicant in good standing; and (3) such other information as the Bishop may require.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): The proposed name changes to Title III and Canon 1 more accurately reflects the contents that follow if the subsequent proposed changes are adopted by Diocesan Council.

The proposed addition of Section 1.3 provides for the Diocesan vision of creating communities beyond the walls and membership of traditional communities.

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New Sections 1.4 and 1.5 are formerly Title III, Canon 5, Sections 5.11 and 5.12, respectively. It is proposed that these sections be moved to Title III, Canon 1, in order to group all special categories of non-parish/mission communities together. The remaining sections in Title III, Canon 1, are re-numbered to incorporate the new sections if adopted by Diocesan Council.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

Canon 3 THE WARDENS

EXISTING:

Section 3.1 Care and Use of Church Building

The Wardens shall have a care that the Church building shall be kept free from all secular uses, and that it be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and in this Diocese and for no other purpose, and that it be kept in good repair as be worthy of the House of God.

PROPOSED:

Section 3.1 Care and Use of Church Building

~~The Wardens shall have a care that the Church building(s), shall be kept free from all secular uses and that it be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and in this Diocese and for no other purpose, and that it be kept in good repair as be worthy of the House of God.~~

IF AMENDED:

Section 3.1 Care and Use of Church Building

~~The Wardens shall have a care that the Church building(s) be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and in this Diocese and for no other purpose, and that it be kept in good repair.~~

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): This proposal removes the language banning the use of congregation buildings and property for secular uses. It is common practice for congregation buildings to host those in their surrounding community to engage with them. This proposal removes “as be worthy of the house of God” as archaic language no longer in use in the Diocese.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

Canon 5 DIOCESAN MISSIONS

EXISTING:

Section 5.11 Episcopal Fellowships

In any place where there is not a Parish or organized Mission, and where the establishment of a Mission does not appear feasible, an Episcopal Fellowship may be established by the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, by the Standing Committee, upon such terms, conditions, and limitations and with such provision for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Fellowships existing, their location, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence. Upon recommendation of the Bishop and with approval of the Council, each Episcopal Fellowship shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate to any meeting of Council and may be seated with voice, but without vote.

Section 5.12 Special Evangelical Missions

At the request of one or more sponsoring parishes, the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Standing Committee may establish a Special Evangelical Mission upon such terms, conditions, and limitations, and with such provisions for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Special Evangelical Missions existing, their location and sponsors, the nature of their ministries and the needs being met, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence.

PROPOSED:

Section 5.11—Episcopal Fellowships

~~In any place where there is not a Parish or organized Mission, and where the establishment of a Mission does not appear feasible, an Episcopal Fellowship may be established by the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, by the Standing Committee, upon such terms, conditions, and limitations and with such provision for its maintenance as the Bishop or the Standing Committee, as applicable, shall prescribe. The Bishop shall report to each annual Council the number of Episcopal Fellowships existing, their location, the means provided for their maintenance, and the terms, conditions, and limitations of their existence. Upon recommendation of the Bishop and with approval of the Council, each Episcopal Fellowship shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate to any meeting of Council and may be seated with voice, but without vote.~~

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IF AMENDED:

Sections 5.11 and 5.12 are deleted from Title III, Canon 5.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): It is proposed that sections 5.11 and 5.12 be moved to Title III, Canon 1, as new sections 1.4 and 1.5, respectively. This change places all types of special congregations in the same Canon.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

TITLE V ENDOWMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND FOUNDATIONS

Canon 6 THE EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL

EXISTING:

Section 6.3 Elections – Vacancies

The elective membership of the Board of Trustees shall consist of 24 persons elected by the Annual Council on nomination of the Bishop. At all times, no less than two thirds (2/3) of the elected Trustees shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be at least 18 years of age. The first Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall serve until the next Annual Council, at which Council 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve four years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve three years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve two years, and 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve one year. At each Annual Council thereafter, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected for full terms, which begin at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees following Annual Council. Such members so elected shall hold office for the stated term and until their successors are elected and qualified. After completion of a

four-year term, persons may not be renominated for a full term for at least one year, which limitation shall not apply to persons completing unexpired terms. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by the Board until the next Annual Council, at which time a Trustee shall be elected on nomination of the Bishop to serve the unexpired term.

PROPOSED:

Section 6.3 Elections – Vacancies

The elective membership of the Board of Trustees shall consist of 24 persons elected by the Annual Council on nomination of the Bishop. At all times, no less than ~~two thirds (2/3)~~sixty (60) percent of the elected Trustees shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be at least 18 years of age. The first Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall serve until the next Annual Council, at which Council 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve four years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve three years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve two years, and 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve one year. At each Annual Council thereafter, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected for full terms, which begin at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees following Annual Council. Such members so elected shall hold office for the stated term and until their successors are elected and qualified. After completion of a four-year term, persons may not be renominated for a full term for at least one year, which limitation shall not apply to persons completing unexpired terms. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by the Board until the next Annual Council, at which time a Trustee shall be elected on nomination of the Bishop to serve the unexpired term.

IF AMENDED:

Section 6.3 Elections – Vacancies

The elective membership of the Board of Trustees shall consist of 24 persons elected by the Annual Council on nomination of the Bishop. At all times, no less than sixty (60) percent of the elected Trustees shall be confirmed communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be at least 18 years of age. The first Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall serve until the next Annual Council, at which Council 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve four years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve three years, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve two years, and 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected to serve one year. At each Annual Council thereafter, 1/4 of the elected members shall be elected for full terms, which begin at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees following Annual Council. Such members so elected shall hold office for the stated term and until their successors are elected and qualified. After completion of a

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four-year term, persons may not be renominated for a full term for at least one year, which limitation shall not apply to persons completing unexpired terms. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by the Board until the next Annual
SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): The EDOT Commission on Episcopal Schools handbook calls for 60% of the Board to be confirmed communicants in the Episcopal Church. This proposed change aligns Title V, Canon 6, Section 6.3 with current practice and allows the Diocese and parishes to maintain both oversight and an Episcopal identity without being overly burdensome.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

PREAMBLE

EXISTING:

No preamble to the Constitution and Canons exists at this time.

PROPOSED PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS:

The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas, a member of The Episcopal Church, and thereby a member of the Anglican Communion, is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church established by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Being obedient to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the purposes of the Diocesan Constitution and Canons, as amended in Diocesan Council, are to support the mission of this Diocese, to promote the good order of its ministry through its congregations and institutions, and to be responsive, compassionate and loving to all people within this Diocese and throughout the world.

SUBMITTED BY: The Executive Board

RATIONALE (by the Executive Board): The Diocesan Constitution and Canons do not currently have a preamble. This proposed preamble states that the purpose of the entire Constitution and Canons is to serve the mission of this Diocese.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

NOMINATIONS

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE (ELECT 1)



Linda Mitchell Riley, EDOT

I am blessed with the rich diverse experience in working for corporations, government and entities in educational, housing and employment programs across Illinois. I am enjoying applying that knowledge to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and our outreach mission to 152 churches and surrounding communities.

SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE (ELECT 1)



The Rev. Canon John A. Logan, EDOT

I have served as Diocesan Secretary with four of the nine bishops of Texas. It's the kind of experience that is helped if you have a lot of resilience and a good sense of humor. I think I still have both and would enjoy the opportunity to continue serving in this capacity.

STANDING COMMITTEE: CLERGY (ELECT 1)



The Rev. Genevieve Razim, Associate, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

As a member of the Standing Committee, it would be an honor and a joy to grant candidacy and consent to the ordination of mission-minded persons seeking to serve God's diverse and beloved people and grow the Church in a variety of models and contexts. Shaped by prayer and informed by my prior service on the Standing Committee and service in the wider church as a board member of Episcopal Relief & Development, I would seek to provide faithful and wise counsel within the committee and to our Bishop.



The Rev. Bradley Joseph Sullivan, Associate, Emmanuel, Houston

I would like to serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas because I believe in continuing to build up a church that is focused on Jesus and his mission, a church that seeks and serves those beyond itself. Through advising our Bishop and giving consent to ordinations, I would be able to fulfill my calling in a new way. The role of advisor and listener is vital to any leader, and I find fulfillment in having honest conversations and bringing a variety of others' beliefs to my rector's ear. I would do the same for our Bishop.



The Rev. Mitchell Tollett, Rector, St. Francis, Tyler

I would be honored to serve for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas as a member of the Standing Committee. I believe I am qualified because I have been Dean of the Northeast Convocation for the last three years and I have served on the Executive Board for the Diocese for the last three years. I also come with a lifetime of experience outside of the Diocese, such as serving the U.S. Navy for four years and working for major technology companies.



The Rev. Lisa Hunt, Rector, St. Stephen's, Houston

I would like to serve on the Standing Committee because I care about the ministry of the Church, especially how we are going to face the challenges of ordained ministry in the future. I have mentored many clergy over my years as a priest; I care about formation and deployment. I also have served on the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Tennessee and worked as the chaplain and member of the Episcopate Committee, the search committee for the Bishop Diocesan. I believe I bring experience to the Standing Committee as the Diocese prepares for its future and its leadership transitions.



The Rev. Jim Liberatore, Rector, St. Andrew's, Pearland

My passion is for turning the church "inside out" by creating avenues for people to serve in the community and in creating spaces to build relationships. I have worked in the Diocese of Texas for 32 years and have served as Chair of the Division of Evangelism and Renewal, offered numerous workshops on parish growth/revitalization and entrepreneurial leadership. I believe with my experience and leadership in the Diocese, I would be a good fit for the Standing Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE: LAY (ELECT 1)



Ed Ziegler, Holy Comforter, Spring

I am interested in being elected to the Standing Committee because I think that it is an important part of being the body of the Church to participate in the selection and confirmation of those seeking holy orders. I feel like my background in human resources, college counseling, lay church employment and running a small business would fit well in the process of this committee. Lifting the right leaders up in our Diocese is what helps keep us strong and relevant. I would like to be a part of that.



Amber Zenti, Calvary, Richmond

Living life as an Episcopalian is truly a way of life. Our Church and God charge us with preparing for a life of service. As my family moved from city to city over many years, the Church challenged me to become involved as an active participant by serving on multiple vestries, as Senior Warden and on Stewardship, Outreach and Capital Campaign initiatives. Leading strategic planning efforts has called me to look ahead, to envision new possibilities for the Church in today's world. Currently, I use my experience in public relations and marketing to guide congregations across denominations in communications and stewardship. After prayerful reflection, I feel God's call to serve our Diocese as a member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: CLERGY (ELECT 2)



The Rev. Ashley Cook, Episcopal Missioner, Stephen F. Austin

It's my joy to offer to the Executive Board and the Church my community-based experience in education, advocacy and development in at-risk child and family services, as well as my years of lay and clergy experience. This includes: diocesan youth ministry and college missional community. God-willing, I will serve our Lord Jesus Christ to my best ability toward the goals of the board in the missionary, educational and social service work of the Diocese. My husband, Steve, and I live in Lufkin, and have two children: one post-grad student, and one high school senior.

NOMINATIONS, continued



The Rev. Pam Graham, Vicar, St. Thomas, Rockdale

At age 14, I played guitar and sang at the contemporary service at my church. Shortly thereafter, I taught Sunday School classes to the younger children. I have been active in parish ministry and community activities ever since. Serving my church and my community has been an integral part of my life. In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul informs us that we are all gifted in various ways for the good of the body of Christ on earth. I have served on the local level and would love to share the gifts I have been given on the diocesan level.



The Rev. Daryl Hay, Rector, St. Andrew's, Bryan

My experience and knowledge would contribute to the Executive Board's stewardship of the ministries of our diocese. I was raised in Pasadena where my family attended Saint Peter's/San Pedro's. As a young adult, I was active in lay ministry at Saint David's, Austin. After ordination, I served as assistant rector in Tyler and eight years as rector of Saint James' in La Grange. I am now the rector of Saint Andrew's in downtown Bryan. I have learned much about the ministry of a congregation and of our diocese in urban and rural contexts in different parts of the Diocese.



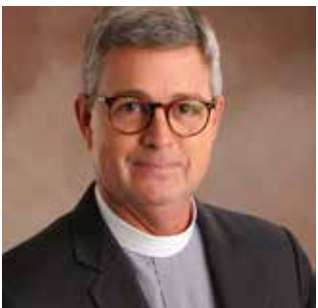
The Rev. Pedro Lopez, Vicar, St. Peter's/San Pedro, Houston

Born and raised in Colombia, SA, I joined a Roman Catholic Missionary order dedicated to serving migrants and refugees after I finished high school. Following graduation from the Universidad San Buenaventura in Bogota, I moved to Chicago to study English and pursue my theological studies in 1997. I graduated from Catholic Theological Union of Chicago with an M.Div and an M.A. In Theology and was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church in which I served until the end of 2000. I joined the Episcopal Church in 2001 and was received as a priest in 2003, serving as rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Elgin, Il until July 2011. I became vicar of St. Peter's/ San Pedro, Pasadena in the Diocese of Texas in 2011. My wife Estela and I are the proud parents of Nathan and Peter.



The Rev. Justin Yawn, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Temple

In my seven years of ordained ministry, I have had the privilege to minister in several dioceses. I have participated actively on Diocesan Council in the Diocese of Florida and on the Honey Creek Commission in the Diocese of Georgia. I believe I've had a broad range of experience in the life and ministry of the Church that I can use as a member of Executive Board to support the wonderful work we are doing together in the Diocese of Texas. I believe in the vision of the Diocese and want to collaborate with other leaders to attain that vision.



The Rev. Tony Clark, Rector, St. Mark's, Beaumont

I've been honored to serve the past year on the Executive Board and learn more about the "big picture" of our diocese, our ministries and our people. This year on the Executive Board included committee work on our Constitution and Canons and I would hope to continue that work if elected to a three year term. In addition, I believe previous work in disaster recovery will prove helpful as we navigate post-Harvey. My previous diocesan experience includes serving on the Diocesan Board, Standing Committee, and Finance Committee for over twenty years in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: LAY (ELECT 3):

**DeAnna Bosch, St. Andrew's, Houston**

I'm not sure why God is calling me (I think only He knows the answer to that) but I do hear his call. I kept putting this nomination out of my mind "I've got enough other things to do, maybe after I slow down a bit, etc., etc." but it just keeps coming back. That happens to me when God is pushing me to engage in something for whatever reason. My background in accounting, systems, procedures and non-profit accounting provides skills useful in guiding the Diocese. I have over 40 years experience in corporate positions, including 11 years as an independent consultant and an additional 14 years experience with non-profit organizations, including Episcopal churches and 501(c)3s.

**Rob Endter, St. Martin's Copperas Cove**

I am a 27 year Army Veteran and a cradle Episcopalian. After retiring from the Army, I had a real estate career and am still active in community affairs. I have served God through the Episcopal Church in many capacities during my adult life but never at the diocesan level. I see service on this board as a privilege, and as an exciting opportunity to help guide the mission of the Diocese of Texas.

**Rhonda Fanning, St. Martin's, Houston**

I vaguely remembered the sign that I would see on road side saying, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" when I was a child going to visit my grandparents in the country. I never truly understood the meaning of that sign until I walked into the doors of St. Martin's. Never in my life have I felt such acceptance, hospitality, fellowship, unconditional love and most of all God's grace. It is because of this that I truly enjoy serving the Lord. I have been honored to serve in many ways but the privilege of serving on the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee has been my best preparation thus far. It would be an honor to continue serving in a position that will allow me to help contribute to the building of God's kingdom here on earth.

**Carvel Glenn, St. Stephen's, Houston**

The Episcopal Church has, for 22 years, shone a light on my flawed spirituality, a gift which merits a gift in return. I am an architect. Planning and building for the future is what I do. I bring an open and questioning mind. I would be delighted to serve on the Executive Board in these times of change and renewal for the Diocese.

**Fay Jones, St. John's, Austin**

I was born into and raised in the traditions of the Episcopal Church. I have always loved the Church and its traditions. My experience with a multitude of ministries and responsibilities, and in many different locations, church sizes and worship styles, has given me a unique understanding of how the Church can be different yet the same. I am continually amazed when I think that somewhere, anywhere in the world, there are Christians worshiping just like me, thanks to the *Book of Common Prayer*. My experience with ministry leaders and volunteers, both in the church and outside, will give me helpful insights in the development and implementation of the mission of the Diocese.

**Flint Risien, St. Paul's, Katy**

As a lifelong Episcopalian, the Episcopal Church has been the cornerstone for my life and spiritual growth. I have been a member of St. Paul's, Katy since 2008 and have served on the vestry and as Senior Warden for the parish. I have also served as the Master Plan Committee Chair, Capital Campaign Director and diocesan Council delegate, as well as serving on the Diocese of Texas Nominating Committee. I hold both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education and am retired from a 30-year career as a public-school coach and teacher. I believe my experience in serving my parish, the diocese and as a public educator can bring a balanced perspective to doing the work of the Executive Board.

NOMINATIONS, continued



Sandra Ward, St. John’s, Austin

I’m a lifelong Episcopalian, dedicated to serving my church. After participating in diocesan Council, I possess a desire to serve the diocese on different levels, which includes the Executive Board. I have been Senior Warden and continue to serve as Lay Reader, Eucharistic Visitor, Verger and more. I have a B.S. degree in Computer Information Systems. I have worked in Human Resources for the government, with an extensive career as a project manager in telecommunications. My clear understanding of how the Church operates, along with my organizational skills and forward thinking would be a great asset to the Executive Board.



Debbie Allensworth, St. Andrew’s, Pearland

I am interested in becoming a member of the Executive Board of the Diocese of Texas because I would like to be a part of the planning and vision for the future of our Diocese. I have been very involved with missional, educational and service work in the church and have shared what I have learned through speaking and teaching opportunities throughout the Diocese. I am a strategic planner and can often see the path to achieving goals and work with a team to plot out a way to reach those objectives.

TRUSTEE OF THE CHURCH CORPORATION (ELECT 1 CLERGY OR LAY)



David Harvin, St. Martin’s, Houston

I am running for re-election as a Trustee of the Church Corporation because I believe strongly in its mission to ensure the wise use of the property of the Diocese and to manage prudently the investments of the Diocese and its participating churches. I believe I am qualified for the position by virtue of my training as a lawyer and experience as Chancellor of the Diocese and as a member of several institutions’ investment committees. It has also been personally rewarding to interact with churches regarding their often impressive plans for improvement of their campuses and expansion of their ministries.

TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH (ELECT 1)



Seth Hinkley, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston

I am a 1992 graduate of Sewanee, and have loved the University since I first set foot on the Mountain. My two decades of experience as a business attorney has been useful in my two terms as a trustee. During that time, the University implemented a new master plan and sustainability plan, as well as beginning a \$250 million capital campaign (which is more than 80% complete). I would like to continue that work to make Sewanee a stronger, truer version of itself. I would appreciate your vote.



Trish Houser, Trinity, Houston

Having lived on “The Mountain” and worked as assistant director of Admission at Sewanee: The University of the South during my husband’s seminary education, I quickly fell in love with the place and people and found that I had my very own “Sewanee Experience” even though I was never a student myself. Both my work and fondness for the place inspired me to cultivate and articulate my own Sewanee story which I continue to share with students and families at EHS and beyond. Though I am not a graduate of the institution, I believe I can bring a unique perspective as a Lay Trustee with my wealth of knowledge gained from over a decade in the field of college admission and counseling and specifically my three years in the Office of Admission at Sewanee. I am intimately aware of the qualities that make Sewanee a truly unique place for a profound and formative college experience as well as the challenges faced by the institution. I would love to serve the university in this capacity as a way of giving back to a place that means so much to myself and my family.

NOMINATIONS SLATE

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE (ELECT 1)

_____ Linda Mitchell Riley, Diocese of Texas

SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE (ELECT 1)

_____ The Rev. Canon John A. Logan, Jr., Diocese of Texas

STANDING COMMITTEE (ELECT 1 CLERGY – 1 LAY)

- _____ The Rev. Genevieve Razim, Associate, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston
- _____ The Rev. Brad Sullivan, Associate, Emmanuel, Houston
- _____ The Rev. Mitchell Tollet, Rector, St. Francis, Tyler
- _____ The Rev. Lisa Hunt, Rector, St. Stephen's, Houston
- _____ The Rev. Jim Liberatore, Rector, St. Andrew's, Pearland
- _____ Ed Ziegler, Holy Comforter, Spring
- _____ Amber Zenti, Calvary, Richmond

EXECUTIVE BOARD (ELECT 2 CLERGY – 3 LAY)

- _____ The Rev. Ashley Cook, Episcopal Missioner, Stephen F. Austin
- _____ The Rev. Pam Graham, Vicar, St. Thomas, Rockdale
- _____ The Rev. Daryl Hay, Rector, St. Andrew's, Bryan
- _____ The Rev. Pedro Lopez, Vicar, St. Peter's/San Pedro, Houston
- _____ The Rev. Justin Yawn, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Temple
- _____ The Rev. Tony Clark, Rector, St. Mark's, Beaumont
- _____ DeAnna Bosch, St. Andrew's, Houston
- _____ Rob Endter, St. Martin's, Copperas Cove
- _____ Rhonda Fanning, St. Martin's, Houston
- _____ Carvel Glen, St. Stephen's, Houston
- _____ Fay Jones, St. John's, Austin
- _____ Flint Risien, St. Paul's, Katy
- _____ Sandra Ward, St. John's, Austin
- _____ Debbie Allensworth, St. Andrew's, Pearland

TRUSTEE OF THE CHURCH CORPORATION (ELECT 1 CLERGY OR LAY)

_____ David Harvin, St. Martin's, Houston

TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH (ELECT 1)

- _____ Seth Hinkley, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston
- _____ Trish Houser, Trinity, Houston

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee received one resolution for consideration at the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas:

RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF BISHOP SUFFRAGAN

WHEREAS the Bishop Diocesan has called for the election of a Bishop Suffragan to be held during the 170th Council of the Diocese of Texas tentatively scheduled to begin on the 7th day of February 2019, in the Woodlands, Texas;

AND WHEREAS we are one Church reconciled by Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit;

AND WHEREAS in each of our particular settings, we are called to connect people, build healthy partnerships for mission, and support vital networks between institutions and congregations;

AND WHEREAS the new Bishop Suffragan will be the vision bearer and have pastoral oversight for the congregations in the western part of this diocese, residing in Austin, and is also elected for the whole Church and the Anglican Communion;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop Suffragan will visit congregations across the diocese and will be active on a number of boards that Bishop Diocesan will assign;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee has approved a process for identifying and nominating suitable candidates, and appointed chairs for the search and nominating committees;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop Diocesan has prepared a written consent with a description of the role and duties of the Bishop Suffragan for the western region;¹

AND WHEREAS this Council has been assured that the funds required for the search, nomination, and election process are available in the 2018 and 2019 budgets;

AND WHEREAS this Council has been assured that the funds required for the salary and expenses of the Bishop Suffragan are available in the future budgets;

AND WHEREAS copies of the Bishop Diocesan's written consent and an outline of the Standing Committee's approved search and nomination process have been published to Council members and discussed at pre-Council meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 169th Council of the Diocese of Texas meeting in Waco, Texas approve the Standing Committee's process for the search for and nomination of candidates for Bishop Suffragan;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Committees for Council Management and Dispatch of Business allot time during the 170th Council for the election of the Bishop Suffragan.

Rationale

Given the retirement in 2019 of The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas in collaboration with the Bishop Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle proposes the resolution for the election of a Suffragan for the western region so that our mission and ministry as a diocese may continue without interruption.

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption.

1 This is the canonical requirement. Canon III.11.9(b)(3)

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

WHEREAS, the Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in 1874 asked the General Convention to assume jurisdiction over “that portion of the state generally known as ‘Western Texas,’” for the purpose of forming the Missionary Diocese of West Texas; and

WHEREAS, during its 143-year life, the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas has been a blessing on all people within its jurisdiction, providing for the church gifted spiritual leaders and caring pastors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, the Mother Church, sends its greetings and blessings to the bishops, clergy and people of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, giving thanks for our continued partnership in the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ’s Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ’s Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. George R. Sumner, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Dallas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ’s Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. James Scott Mayer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President of the Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. James Scott Mayer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Michael Louis Vono, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in, Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana.



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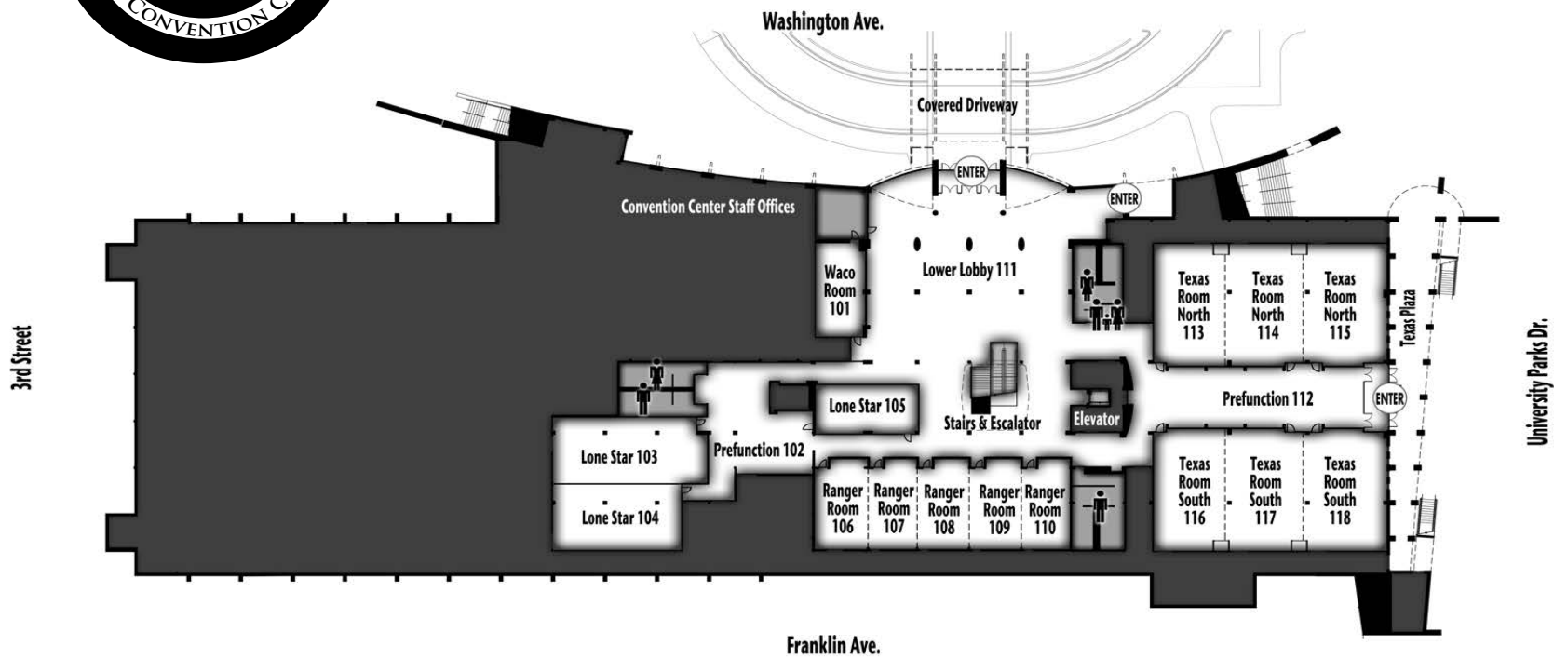
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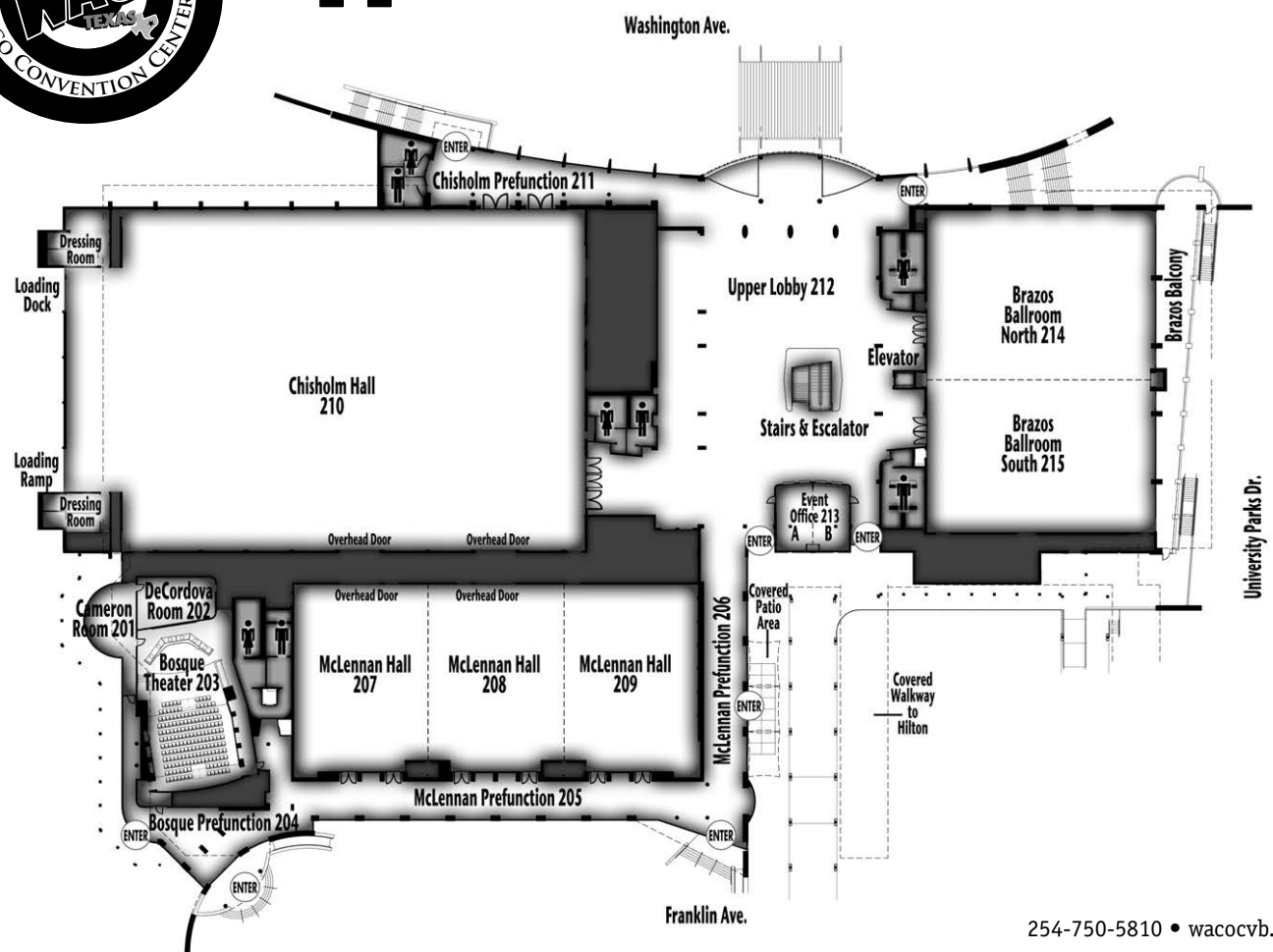
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