

Resolution Number R-4 Create a Study Commission to consider Canon 22

From the Committee on Constitution and Canons

Purpose:

To create a study commission to consider Canon 22 with regard to support of the Episcopacy, its mission and ministry and the mission and ministry of Ecclesiastical Units within the Diocese.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Canon 22 Study Commission shall be created to study the support of the Episcopacy, its mission and ministry and the mission and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Units that comprise the Diocese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Commission shall be comprised of the following 12 members:

One clergy and one lay person from the Executive Board, selected by the Executive Board;

One clergy and one lay person from the Standing Committee, selected by the Standing Committee;

One person, lay or clergy, from each of the six deaneries, selected by the Dean;

The Treasurer;

The Chair of Constitution and Canons or the Chair's designee;

The Canon to the Ordinary shall serve as Recorder for the Commission, but shall not be a voting member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall study the categories and levels of contribution under the assessment structure of Canon 22. In doing so, consideration shall be given to the responsibility to support the Episcopacy and its mission and ministry, as well as to mutually support one another in the mission and ministry of each constituent entity within the Diocese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall also consider the appropriate response to congregations not complying with the requirements of Canon 22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in undertaking this charge, the Commission shall consider input from congregations within the Diocese, as well as information available from other Dioceses in the Episcopal Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall report its findings and any recommendations no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the 180th Convention.