



RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 206TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Resolution 206.1

On Amending the Constitution for Continuation in Office by the Treasurer

The 206th Annual Convention enacts:

Article VII, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Diocese of North Carolina is amended as follows:

“Section 4. Upon nomination by the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Convention shall annually elect a Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall have such power and perform such duties as may be prescribed by canon or required by the Ecclesiastical Authority. The Treasurer shall hold office until the next annual Convention, or until a successor is elected and qualified. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Treasurer, by death or otherwise, the unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the Ecclesiastical Authority.”

Second Reading. Was adopted on First Reading by the 205th Annual Convention.

Resolution 206.2

On the Deletion of Certain Obsolete Canonical Provisions

The 206th Annual Convention enacts:

“The Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina are amended to delete the following Paragraph in full: Canon 13, Section 8, Paragraph (c);

The Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina are amended to delete the following Section in full: Canon 16, Section 8; and

The Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina are amended to delete the following Canon in full: Canon 29.”

Submitted by the Commission on Constitution and Canons

Comment: This Paragraph, Section and Canon are obsolete either on their own terms or from a change in Diocesan structure. We are not proposing to renumber the remaining Canons at this time.

Resolution 206.3
On Amending the Canons to Define Certain Terms

The 206th Annual Convention enacts:

The Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina are amended to include a Canon 47 as follows:

“Canon 47

The Definition of Certain Terms

Section 1. For purposes of the Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina, and except as expressly provided otherwise therein, all references implying physical documents are deemed to include and authorize the use of electronic technologies.

Section 2. For purposes of the Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina, and except as provided otherwise therein or in the bylaws of a parish or mission, all references to a person’s or to persons’ physical presence are deemed to include and authorize the use of electronic technologies.

Section 3. Any use of electronic technologies shall be consistent with any applicable canon of The Episcopal Church or the Diocese of North Carolina.”

Submitted by the Commission on Constitution and Canons

Comment: This proposed Canon provides definitional clarification for terms used in other Canons of the Diocese, ensuring that these Canons can be read and applied in a manner consonant with the previously-authorized use of electronic technologies for meetings and other activities of the Diocese and its constituent organizations. The use of an umbrella canon provides consistency in terminology and precludes the necessity of amending multiple Canons.

The reference to “physical documents” in Section 1 includes but is not limited to terms such as: “certificates,” “mailed,” “printed,” “signature,” etc. Likewise, the reference to “a person’s or to persons’ physical presence” in Section 2 includes but is not limited to terms such as “attend,” “meet,” “seated,” etc.

Resolution 206.4

On Amending the Rules of Order to Allow Participation at Convention by Certain Persons

The 206th Annual Convention adopts Sec. XXVI of the Rules of Order as follows:

“Any clergy or lay person not otherwise entitled to seat and voice at Convention who is employed for full time ministry to a campus worshipping community admitted into union with Convention pursuant to Canon 1.4 shall be granted seat and voice at Convention upon application to the Secretary no less than sixty (60) days prior to the Convention.”

Submitted by the Commission on Constitution and Canons

Comment: It is our custom to admit all college chaplains working in an Episcopal Worshipping community who are not otherwise entitled to seat and voice at Convention through special resolutions at each Annual Convention. This addition to our Rules of Order would save this time and effort at future Annual Conventions.

Resolution 206.5

On Commemorating the Rt Rev Barbara Harris

The 206th Annual Convention enacts:

Resolved, that the 206th Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina submit the following resolution to the 80th General Convention, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, July 2022:

Resolved, the House ____ concurring that the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion, to the Calendar of the Church Year, to be celebrated on March 13.

Submitted by Martha Bedell Alexander, Alice Freeman, Megan Carlson, Jeremy Clos, The Rev Kevin Matthews, The Rev Jamie L'Enfant Edwards, The Rev Daniel Robayo, The Rev Sara Ardrey-Graves, The Rev Sally French, The Rev Helen Svoboda-Barber, The Rev Jacob Pierce, and The Rev Linda Nye

Comment: Barbara Clementine Harris was ordained a deacon in 1979 and a priest in 1980. She was consecrated in 1989 as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. She was the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion. Retiring in 2002 she remained an active member in The Episcopal Church. Bishop Harris was known for her dedication to social justice and inclusion was always a part of her ministry. Her vitality, candidness, her passion, compassion, and kindheartedness were among her many traits. She had the gift of making one feel accepted and appreciated. Bishop Harris was a leading example of faith and witness.