

Resolution 207.1

On Property Management

The 207th Annual Convention enacts:

"Canon 10, Section 8 is added as follows:

"Section 8. Property Committee. (a) The Trustees may establish a subcommittee to be known as the Property Committee, which shall consist of not fewer than five nor more than seven enrolled confirmed adult communicants in good standing of this Diocese elected by the Trustees upon nomination of the Bishop initially for a term of three years. Any vacancy on the Property Committee shall be filled by the Trustees for the unexpired term. A majority of the Property Committee shall control its actions.

(b) The Property Committee shall provide guidance to the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council on matters concerning real property. Upon request of the Trustees, the Property Committee shall assist the Trustees in purchasing, selling, or leasing real property.

(c) Upon an appropriate written resolution from Diocesan Council, the Ecclesiastical Authority may designate for Active Management any real property of the Diocese not held for the benefit of a parish, corporation, or mission that continues to exist and not needed for the operation of the Diocese. Subject to policies established by the Diocesan Council, the Property Committee shall maintain, market, and lease to tenants the properties under Active Management. Contracts with tenants shall be executed pursuant to Section 2(a)(3) of this Canon D-III. Proceeds from Active Management shall be placed into a Property Management Fund established by the Trustees. Expenses of Active Management shall be paid from the Property Management Fund or such other moneys as determined by Diocesan Council. Diocesan Council may direct the use of excess accruals in the Property Management Fund.

(d) The Property Committee may engage, employ, and pay reasonable compensation to such attorneys, appraisers, real estate brokers, property managers, insurers, general contractors, and other providers of services as necessary to execute its responsibilities."

Canon 15, Section 2, subparagraph (h) is rewritten as follows:

(h) Make and preserve a full record of its acts and of the work of each of its departments and furnish to each annual Convention a full report of all its actions and all moneys expended under its direction during the preceding year, including a report from each department of the Council with respect to the work done by such department, *and a separate report on the State of the Church in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.*

Canon 15, Section 4 is rewritten as follows:

“Section 4. Departments. The Diocesan Council shall organize from its membership, supplemented as herein provided, a Department of Outreach and Justice Ministries, a Department of Christian Formation, Department of Youth and Young Adults, a Department of Congregational Support and Development, a Department of Finance and Administration, *a Department of Planning*, and such other departments as in its judgment may be necessary; and it shall provide the manner and means by which its departments shall be staffed and financed. From the Council membership the Bishop Diocesan shall appoint the members of each department and designate its chair. The chair of each chartered committee within a department shall be a member of the department. Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Bishop may appoint additional members to departments of the Council. Each department shall meet at least three times each year and report its activities to meetings of the Council. It shall receive and review budget requests from its chartered committees and submit its departmental budget to the Diocesan Council. The Bishop Diocesan, the Bishop Suffragan, and the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, shall be members of each department. ~~The chairs of the several Departments, the Bishops, and a minimum of two other members of the Diocesan Council appointed by the Bishop, shall constitute the Council Committee on the State of the Church.~~

Subject to Council review and approval:

(a) The Department of Outreach and Justice Ministries shall be responsible for the work of the Diocese with respect to those programs and activities that embody our ministry locally, nationally, and overseas;

(b) The Department of Christian Formation shall oversee those bodies that provide program and resources for education and formation throughout the Diocese.

(c) The Department of Youth and Young Adults shall oversee Diocesan programs for youth, ministry in higher education, and young adults.

(d) The Department of Congregational Support and Development shall coordinate the work of those agencies that work directly with congregations.

(e) The Department of Finance and Administration shall oversee the development and administration of the Diocesan budget and disbursement of grants; shall oversee the business, personnel, and property affairs of the Diocese, including the work of the Treasurer and the annual audit of the Diocese; and shall ~~include a committee on administrative and personnel policies consisting of three persons elected by the Diocesan Council from its membership which shall be responsible for formulating and reviewing~~ *formulate and review administrative and personnel policies of the Diocese and reporting to Council as may be necessary or appropriate.*

(f) *The Department of Planning shall use demographic information to inform the evolution of the program and organization of the Diocese, evaluate and propose changes to the program and organization of the Diocese, and develop the policy of the Diocese with respect to real property and propose real property transactions.*

Canon 15, Sections 6 and 7 are repealed in their entirety.”

Submitted by Diocesan Council

Comment: This change to the Canons will create a new entity with expertise in commercial real estate to advise the Diocese, to assist with real estate transactions, and to undertake management

activities for selected real properties and thereby reduce the burden on diocesan staff, the Council, and the Trustees. Further, the Council Committee on the State of the Church will be replaced by a Department of Planning with expanded responsibilities including the development of policy regarding real estate. Lastly, the method in which the Department of Finance and Administration operates will be conformed to current practice.