

Proposed Amendment to Canon XXVI:

The Constitution and Canons Committee recommends the following addition to section 2 of Canon XXVI to take effect immediately at the close of the 2024 diocesan convention:

The new language has been italicized and underlined so it may be more easily found by members of the convention. Section one has been included for reference. Sections 3-5 of this canon are not affected by the change and are therefore not presented here.

Canon XXVI

Of Deputies to the Provincial Synod and General Convention

Section 1. Deputies to the Synod of Province III shall be determined from those individuals who are elected as Deputies to General Convention as specified in Article XII of the Constitution. There shall be one Clerical Deputy and two Lay Deputies. The Clerical Deputy shall be the first clergy person elected as Deputy to General Convention. The Lay Deputies shall be the first and second lay persons elected as Deputies to General Convention. There shall also be a Supplemental Clerical Deputy, who shall be the second clergy person elected as Deputy to General Convention. And there shall also be two Supplemental Lay Deputies, who shall be the third and fourth lay persons elected as Deputies to General Convention. In the event one of the Lay Deputies is unable to attend a meeting of the Synod, the Supplemental Lay Deputy who was the third lay person to be elected Deputy to General Convention shall attend. If one of the Lay Deputies is unable to attend a subsequent meeting, the Supplemental Lay Deputy who was the fourth lay person to be elected Deputy to General Convention shall attend. If there are further meetings missed by one of the Lay Deputies, this manner of rotation shall continue.

Section 2. The Deputies so selected shall serve a three-year term, beginning with their election. Should a vacancy occur by resignation, removal from the Diocese, death or otherwise among the Deputies or Supplemental Deputies between the stated times of election, it shall be filled by the Deputy in the respective order to the General Convention who received the next highest number of votes. At Provincial meetings requiring attendance of only one representative, the deputation shall designate by vote which of the three provincial representatives shall be the representative and which shall be first and second alternates for the duration of their three year term as General Convention Deputy. Should none of the three be available, then the deputation chair shall designate which of the remaining Clergy and Lay Deputies shall attend.