

[As REVISED by the Committee on Constitution and Canons at its meeting on October 12, 2018]

#### Amendment of the Canons

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following Amendments to the Canons of the Diocese of Bethlehem be approved by this 147th Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem, and be it further resolved, that these Amendments shall take effect the day after any affirmative vote of this 147th Convention:

1. Title III Canon 3, Ecclesiastical Discipline, Section 2, Discipline Structure, Subsection D, Election shall be amended to add the following:

6. President: By June 30 of each year the Disciplinary Board shall elect a President of the Disciplinary Board to serve for the ensuing year or until a successor is elected.

2. Title III Canon 3, Ecclesiastical Discipline, Section 2, Discipline Structure, shall be amended to add the following:

E. Church Attorney. The Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an attorney to serve as Church Attorney and to serve at the pleasure of the bishop. The person so appointed must be a duly licensed attorney but need not reside within the Diocese.

Submitted by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons

Current Canons with suggested amendments in bold

D. Election

1. By May 1st of each year, the Bishop shall nominate and the Standing Committee shall elect persons to fill the terms of those members whose terms are expiring in July of that year. Those persons newly elected shall assume office on July 1st of the year they are elected.

2. The members of the Disciplinary Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

3. No member shall be eligible for reelection for a year after the end of his or her second three (3) year term.

4. There shall be no change in the composition of a Disciplinary Board as to a proceeding pending before it while that proceeding is unresolved except for just cause as determined by the Disciplinary Board.

5. Should a mid-term vacancy occur, the Bishop shall nominate a replacement to the Standing Committee for election.

**6. President: By June 30 of each year the Standing Committee shall nominate and the Disciplinary Board for the ensuing year shall elect a President of the Disciplinary Board to serve for the year.**

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