



Episcopal Diocese

— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

Fifty-sixth Annual Diocesan Convention **January 24-25, 2025**

Amendment A-1: An Equal Place in Governance

Presenters: The Rev. Dr. José Rodríguez and Mrs. Heather Rodríguez

Original Constitutional Language:

Article VII Management of Affairs

Section 2. Standing Committee

There shall be a Standing Committee which shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority for all proper purposes. The Standing Committee shall consist of four clerical and three lay members who shall be elected in the manner and for the terms to be set forth in the Canons of the Diocese. They shall organize as soon as possible after each election and elect from their own body a President (who shall be a priest) and a Secretary. They shall meet on their own adjournment from time to time and the President shall have power to summon special meetings. The Standing Committee shall be convened at the request of the Bishop, and they may meet on their own accord in agreement with their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. Vacancies in the Committee caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by vote of the Committee.

Revised Language:

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Also **CHANGE:**

Original Language:

Canon IX

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall be composed of seven members, four clerical members and three lay members. The four clerical members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 4-year term, with one such member's term expiring each year. The three lay members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 3-year term with one such member's term expiring each year. Members shall not be eligible for re-election until one Convention year shall have elapsed after the expiration of such member's term. A member serving only a partial term is eligible for reelection to a full term. The election shall be by concurrent vote of both orders. The Standing Committee shall fill all vacancies on the Committee. The person filling such vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Convention.

Revised Language:

The Standing Committee shall be composed of eight members, four clerical members and four lay members. The four clerical members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 4-year term, with one such member's term expiring each year. The four lay members of the Standing Committee shall be elected for a 4-year term with one such member's term expiring each year. Members shall not be eligible for re-election until one Convention year shall have elapsed after the expiration of such member's term. A member serving only a partial term is eligible for reelection to a full term. The election shall be by concurrent vote of both orders. The Standing Committee shall fill all vacancies on the Committee. The person filling such vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Convention.

In order to permit the continuity of one lay member's term expiring each year, on the year this amendment is ratified by Convention: (1) Existing lay members with unexpired terms will have their terms lengthened an additional year; (2) Newly elected lay members to both full and partial terms will have their terms lengthened an additional year; and (3) The lay member whose term expires that year will be appointed to serve an additional one-year term.

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