



Episcopal Diocese

— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

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

Amendment A-2: Deanery Dean and President Vacancies

Presenters: Committee on Constitution & Canons

Original Language:

Canon XIII, Section 3
Deaneries

Each Deanery shall be represented by a Deanery Convocation composed of all active clergy canonically resident in this Diocese who reside in the Deanery, and three delegates from each Parish and canonically organized Mission in the Deanery last elected as delegates to the Annual Convention. All such clergy and lay delegates shall have seat, voice and vote. In the absence of lay delegates, alternate lay delegates shall be entitled to seat, voice and vote.

Each Deanery Convocation shall have a Deanery Council composed of at least the Dean, President, and Secretary, all of whom shall be from the Deanery. Other officers designated by the Deanery Convocation shall have seat, voice and vote on the Deanery Council.

The Deanery Council shall be responsible for:

- a) Planning and scheduling significant Deanery meetings to prepare for the annual convention for the Diocese and to implement policy;
- b) Identifying local opportunities which could include outreach, evangelism, worship, fellowship, pastoral care, education, new missions and organization of God's people to make a difference in the world in which we live;
- c) Facilitating communications to and from congregations, other Deaneries and the Diocese;
- d) Insuring the nomination of qualified officers to be elected at Deanery meetings;
- e) Facilitating frequent and efficient contact by the Bishop/Bishops and Diocesan Staff, directly and/or through the Dean.

The Dean from the clerical order, and the President from the lay order, the Secretary, and other officers if any, shall be elected by the Deanery Convocation.

Proposed Additional Language:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Dean or President, the Bishop, after conferring with the remaining members of the Council of Deans and Presidents, shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next Convocation. Vacancies of any other office shall be filled by action of the Council of Deans and Presidents.