

Actions of the 2022 Diocese of Albany Convention

Persons Elected:

Great Cathedral Chapter (3-year terms): The Rev. Dale Van Wormer; Dr. Brian Taylor

Lay Convention Rep to Diocesan Council (2-year term): Randall Demler

Trustees of the Diocese (4-year terms): The Rev. Katherine Alonge-Coons, Thomas Easterly

Disciplinary Board (3-year terms): The Rev. Nancy Truscott, The Rev. Peter Schellhase, Judith Sweet

Standing Committee (3-year terms): The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis, The Rev. Jean DeVaty, Teresa Mumby, Janet Papa

Resolution #1: RESOLVED, that for 2023, the recommended clergy stipend schedule increases by 7%. All other rates will remain unchanged. **(PASSED)**

Resolution #2: RESOLVED, that the Reduced Standard Assessment Formula, as presented in the Convention Book, be used for calculating Parish Assessments for 2023. **(PASSED)**

Resolution #3: RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Albany Operations Budget 2023, as presented in this Convention Book, be adopted. **(PASSED)**

Resolution #4 (As Amended):

Resolved: that Canon V of the Diocesan Canons be amended to read as follows:

CANON V – DEANERIES AND DEANERY COUNCILS

5.1 Geographic Areas

The Deaneries shall consist of those congregations in a geographic area designated by the Bishop, which designation shall be ratified by the Convention.

5.2 Dean

The Bishop shall appoint a Priest of the Deanery to be its Dean. The Dean shall represent the Bishop in the Deanery and, when requested, act for the Bishop in liturgical and pastoral matters.

5.3 Deanery Council

Each Deanery ~~shall~~ may have a Deanery Council constituted of all members of the Clergy who are resident or have a cure in the Deanery and who are canonically resident in the Diocese, and at least one lay representative, selected from ~~each Congregation~~ the communicants in good standing as defined in General Convention Canon 1.17.3, as the same may be amended from

time to time, who are persons of less than full age but of the age of eighteen years or more, of each Congregation.

5.4 Purpose of the Deanery Council

Each Deanery Council shall promote the work of the Diocese in its Deanery, and through the Deanery representatives on the Diocesan Council, maintain communication between the Deanery and the Diocesan Council.

5.5 Meetings and By Laws

Each Deanery Council shall meet at ~~least twice a year~~ the discretion of the Dean. Each Deanery Council ~~shall~~ may adopt By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, which shall include provisions for the number and method of election of lay representatives to the Deanery Council, quorum requirements and method of voting on business before the Council.

(PASSED)

Resolution #5:

Resolved: that Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of Canon 3 be amended by replacing the words “four priests” with the words “*four Clergy, either priests or deacons,*” in each place where the words “four priests” occur in said sections.

CANON 3 - DEPUTIES AND PROVISIONAL DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

3.1 Election to General Convention

The Convention shall, at its next regular annual meeting following each regular session of the General Convention, elect by a vote by orders, ~~four Priests~~ four Clergy, either priests or deacons, canonically resident in this Diocese, and four Lay Persons, who are confirmed, adult communicants of a church in this Diocese, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention.

3.2 Election of Provisional Deputies

The Convention shall, at its next regular annual meeting following the election of Deputies to General Convention, also elect, ~~four Priests~~ four Clergy, either priests or deacons, and four Lay Persons to act as Provisional Deputies, whose qualifications for election shall be the same as those of Deputies to General Convention. This election shall be determined by taking a vote by orders ballot with the ballots counted in the aggregate. The four candidates of each order receiving the highest aggregate number of votes shall be deemed elected. All Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention shall also serve as Deputies to Provincial Synod and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

(PASSED)

Resolution #6

Resolved: Canon 1.2 of the Diocesan Canons be amended to read as follows:

Lay Members 1.2 Deputies and Alternate Deputies from the several Churches shall be elected annually by their Vestry or governing body, at a meeting duly held, or by a duly summoned meeting of the Congregation. Persons of less than full age but of the age of eighteen years or more who are also communicants in good standing under General Convention Canon I.17.3, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall be eligible to serve and vote as lay Deputies or Alternate Deputies and shall be eligible ~~to~~for election or appointment to any lay office of the Diocese. **(PASSED)**

Resolution #7:

Resolved: That Canon 16 of The Canons of the Diocese of Albany be and hereby is repealed. **(FAILED)**

Vote by Orders

Clergy:	73 Total votes 37 needed to pass
	31 Yes votes 42 No votes
Parishes	63 Total votes 32 needed to pass
	39 Yes votes 24 No votes

Resolution #8 (As Amended):

Resolved: That Subdivisions (A) and (B) of Canon 11.8 of the Canons of the Diocese of Albany be modified to read as follows:

11.8 – Standards for Ordination and Consecration

A. To be eligible to be ordained to the Diaconate or Priesthood, or consecrated a Bishop, a person must live within the covenant of Marriage ~~between one man and one woman~~, or be celibate and abstinent.

Standards for Election, Appointing, and Licensing

B. To be eligible to be elected, appointed or licensed to any position of ordained ministry in the Diocese, a member of the clergy must live within the covenant of Marriage ~~between one man and one woman~~, or be celibate and abstinent.

(FAILED)

Vote by Orders

Clergy:	66 Total votes 34 needed to pass
	31 Yes votes 34 No votes
Parishes:	64 Total votes 33 needed to pass
	41 Yes votes 23 No votes

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS
154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany expresses its hearty congratulations and gratitude to Peter Doliber, Lindsey Butler and all the Management and Staff of Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center for their outstanding hospitality and excellent organization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary is instructed to convey a copy of this resolution to the Director and Chairman of the Board of Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany expresses its joy in welcoming among us the youth and children of the Diocese, and that this Convention offers its sincere gratitude to Daniel and Kaitlyn Hyde and the many other volunteers for their excellent work in planning and ministering to our youth during this Convention and throughout the year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany express its heartfelt thanks and admiration to the the Rev. Darius and Stephanie Mojallali, the Rev. Julie Mudge, the Rev. Louis Midura, Steven Summers, and the Youth Service musicians, for sharing their outstanding musical gifts during the various liturgies this weekend.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany hereby expresses its profound gratitude to the Convention Planning Committee: Carol Drummond (Chair), the Rev. Katherine Alonge-Coons, the Rev. Canon Bob Haskell, Abby Bee, the Rev. Scott Garno, the Rev. Nancy Goff, the Rev. Barb Mitchell, the Rev. Marian Sive, Jerry Carroll, Daniel & Kaitlyn Hyde, the Rev. Meaghan Keegan, Sue Ellen Ruetsch, and Reuben Todd; to the Diocesan Staff and their many assistants; to all intercessors, Convention Chaplains, workshop presenters, exhibitors, tellers, registrars, and all the countless volunteers for the outstanding work they have done to make this Convention such a superb undertaking.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Albany hereby commits itself to prayer, for the Profile and Search Committee for the tenth Bishop of Albany, and for the person God has already chosen, and is preparing, to be our next shepherd.