



Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina Report from the Committee on Constitution and Canons

The affairs of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina (the “Diocese”) are governed pursuant to the *Constitution of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina* (the “Constitution”) and the *Canons for the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina* (the “Canons”).

On behalf of the Clericus of the Western Deanery, the Rev. Joslyn Schaefer and the Rev. Jonathan Stepp presented a motion at the 2022 (100th) annual Convention of the Diocese to (a) amend and restate the Constitution of the Diocese with a document presented with such motion (such document is hereafter the “Restated Constitution”), and (b) amend and restate the Canons of the Diocese with a document presented with such motion (such document is hereafter the “Restated Canons”).

The Committee was asked to study the Restated Constitution and the Restated Canons, to make adjustments it deemed appropriate after considering comments from any interested persons associated with the Diocese, and to report its recommendations to the 2023 (101st) annual Convention of the Diocese. In response to this charge, the Committee studied the documents, solicited and considered input from various stakeholders, and made various modifications to the Restated Constitution and the Restated Canons.

In accordance with the terms of the existing Constitution and the existing Canons, the Committee now makes the following recommendations:

1. The Committee recommends adoption of the Restated Canons as modified by it (which modified document was published by the Diocese in advance of the 2023 Convention), but subject to adoption of the Restated Constitution as modified by the Committee (discussed next). Therefore, the question for the 2023 Convention is whether to adopt the Restated Canons as modified by the Committee with the condition that adoption is contingent upon the Restated Constitution as modified by the Committee also being adopted.
2. The Committee recommends adoption of the Restated Constitution as modified by it (which modified document was published by the Diocese in advance of the 2023 Convention). Therefore, the question for the 2023 Convention is whether to adopt the Restated Constitution as modified by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee this the 11th day of October 2023.