

2025 Diocesan Convention Resolution Form

Diocese of Western North Carolina

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Resolution

Subject Term Limits for Commission on Ministry Members

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina,

Term Limits for Members of the Commission on Ministry

Resolved, that the 103rd

Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina amends Canon 7.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina as follows:

The following sentence is removed:

No person who has served a full three-year term as an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry shall be eligible for appointment to a new term as a member of the Commission on Ministry unless a year has passed or will have passed since such person's last term of office and the start of a new term of office.

It is replaced by the following two sentences:

Any person who has served one full three-year term as an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry is eligible for appointment to a second term as a member of the Commission on Ministry.

No person who has served two full three-year terms as an appointed member of the Commission on Ministry shall be eligible for appointment to a new term as a member of the Commission on Ministry unless a year has passed or will have passed since such person's last term of office and the start of a new term of office.

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It is further resolved, that this change shall take effect immediately upon passage by the 103rd Convention and apply to all persons currently serving on the Commission on Ministry, all persons appointed to the Commission on Ministry at the 103rd Convention, and all persons appointed to the Commission on Ministry at any time in the future.

Rationale for this Resolution:

The Nominating Committee of the Diocese puts forward this resolution at the request of the Commission on Ministry because the Commission has found over the years of its work that is often helpful to the Diocese, candidates for Holy Orders, and the work of the Commission, to have experienced persons be able to fulfill their ministry on the Commission over the course of a longer period than three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

It is further resolved, that this change shall take effect immediately upon passage by the 103rd Convention and apply to all persons currently serving on the Commission on Ministry, all persons appointed to the Commission on Ministry at the 103rd Convention, and all persons appointed to the Commission on Ministry at any time in the future.

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