

PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS
FOR THE 103rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 8, 2024

1. Resolution on the Agenda

It is moved that Convention adopt the agenda which has been distributed to the members of Convention as its official agenda.

2. Grant of Right to Seat and Voice at Convention

Section 3.5 of the constitution provides that the Convention may grant honorary membership, with seat and voice but no right to vote, to such persons as it deems appropriate. It is moved that the students who participate in the Episcopal Campus Ministry programs in the Diocese be granted honorary membership to this Convention with seat and voice but no right to vote.

3. Consideration of Late Resolutions

It is moved that any resolution that was not submitted to the Diocese in a preliminary or final form for publication prior to _____ is not eligible for consideration at Convention unless such resolution is accompanied by a motion for consideration of such resolution and such motion for consideration is approved by two-thirds of the members of Convention present and voting on the matter. This provision shall not apply to subsidiary or incidental resolutions or motions; the procedural resolutions by which Convention is organized; or courtesy resolutions.

4. Resolution on Elections and Ballots

It is moved that all elections, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution or the Canons of the Diocese, shall be decided by a plurality of votes and that instructions concerning voting procedures shall be provided by the Dispatch of Business.

4. Recesses

The President of the Convention shall have the authority to **call recesses from time to time** as deemed appropriate for the orderly conduct of business. Such recesses may include, without limitation, a recess to allow the Constitution and Canons Committee to consider, review, and report on any resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution or Canons. The duration and timing of any recess shall be determined by the President,

5. Discussion Papers

It is moved that an issue or subject with regard to a public issue not touching exclusively the routine, internal business of the Diocese may be submitted to Convention for discussion only. Such an issue or subject shall be plainly stated in writing and shall be identified by its proponent as "A Discussion Paper." Convention may consider a discussion paper but shall take no action on it.

6. Resolution on Debate of Public Issues

It is moved that consideration of each main or principal resolution or each discussion paper presented to Convention with regard to public issues not touching exclusively the routine internal business of the Diocese shall be subject to a time limit of ten minutes for proponents of each of the affirmative and negative sides of the issue, unless a longer time for debate or other terms for debate are authorized, without debate, by a two-thirds majority of the members of Convention voting on the matter.

7. Resolution on Parliamentary Procedure.

It is moved that in circumstances not covered by these procedural rules or the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese, the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall apply as reasonably interpreted by the Parliamentarian.