Wednesday, September 9, 2026

2026 Diocesan Convention Resolution Form

Diocese of Western North Carolina

The deadline for submitting a resolution requiring the expenditure of funds is Thursday, September 24, 2026. The deadline for a resolution not requiring the expenditure of funds is Friday, October 9, 2026

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Resolution

Subject Change to the procedure for replacing a member of the Standing Committee in the event of the resignation or removal of a member of the Committee as prescribed by Canon 5.4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 104th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina,

amends Canon 5.4 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina as follows:

The following phrase is removed: "with the consent of the Bishop" where it appears in the sentence that reads in full "The vacancy as to any seat of an elected at-large member may be filled by the Standing Committee, with the consent of the Bishop, and in filling any such vacancy the Standing Committee must elect a candidate of the same order to which the vacant seat is allocated."

Upon passage of this resolution, the sentence would then read: "The vacancy as to any seat of an elected at-large member may be filled by the Standing Committee and in filling any such vacancy the Standing Committee must elect a candidate of the same order to which the vacant seat is allocated."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that this change shall take effect immediately upon passage by the 104th Convention and shall apply to any resignation, removal, or replacement of a member of the Standing Committee that shall take place at any time in the future after its passage.

Rationale:

The Bishop has seat and voice on the Standing Committee (Canon 5.5) but does not have a vote and the regular process for electing members of the Standing Committee by the Convention requires no additional consent or approval from the Bishop, therefore it does not seem appropriate for the Bishop to have a role in consenting to the election of a person to replace someone who resigns or is removed from the Committee.

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