

## Conversion of Parish to Mission

### *Canon 11.08*

*Resolved*, that Canon XI, Section 11.08 of the Canons of the Diocese of California be amended as follows (deletions in ~~bold strikethrough text~~, insertions in ***bold italic text***):

#### **Sec. 11.08. Conversion of Parish to Mission.**

(a) If, after notice to the parish and opportunity to be heard, the Bishop and the Standing Committee shall have determined that any parish:

(i) cannot support a rector full time,

(ii) ***cannot fails to*** provide the financial support necessary for the spiritual maintenance of and an adequate program for the parish,

(iii) ***cannot fails*** adequately ~~to~~ insure and maintain its parish property, or

(iv) fails to observe the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese,

and that such condition is not of a temporary nature, the parish shall, at the request of the Bishop, ~~surrender its rights and privileges as an organized parish and~~ become an organized mission ***under the Bishop's authority as its rector*** upon such terms as the Bishop shall prescribe. ***The Bishop shall then certify to the Secretary of the Convention that the congregation has become an organized mission.***

(b) Upon ***or after conversion in status to an organized mission*** ~~termination of its status as a parish~~, the ~~congregation~~ ***parish***, if so requested by the Bishop, shall forthwith take the steps necessary to transfer to the Diocesan Corporation, all of its property to be held, managed or disposed of in such manner as the Bishop and the Standing Committee may determine.

### ***Proponent's Explanation***

The proposed amendment would more accurately describe the circumstances and effect of the change in status of a congregation from a parish to an organized mission.

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