Amendments to Constitution and Canons

Canon 21.06

Resolved, That Canon XXI, Section 21.06, is adopted to read as follows:

Sec. 21.06. Certification of Changes.

(a) In the event of insertion of a new Canon, or a new Section or Clause in a Canon, or of the repeal of an existing Canon, or of a Section or Clause in a Canon, the numbering of the Canons, or of a division of a Canon, which follow shall be changed accordingly without the necessity of enacting an amendment or amendments to that effect.

(b) The Committee on Canons shall, at the close of each meeting of the Convention, certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary, who shall publish them in the Journal.

(c) The Committee on Canons shall certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XVI of the Constitution, and report the same to the Secretary, who shall publish them in the Journal. The Committee shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

Explanation:
Canon amendments often require the amended canons to be renumbered, as well as any cross-references in other canons. It is easy for a cross-reference to be missed. Corrections should not have to wait until the next Convention. The proposed amendment, modeled on Canons V.4 and V.5 of The Episcopal Church, will enable the numbering and cross-references to be corrected after the close of the Convention.

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