

**Report of the Committee on Canons
To The
Special Convention of the Diocese of California**

Explanation

The proposed amendments to Canon XVII were recommended initially by the Chancellor.

The purposes of the amendments are to

- Clarify that it is the Convention itself which determines for all purposes which institutions are and are not “Diocesan Institutions”; and not any particular officer of the Convention or of the Diocese
- Confirm the authority of the Bishop and the Standing Committee over the Diocesan Institutions, particularly with respect to the composition of their governing bodies and changes in their charter documents; and
- Enhance the timely flow of information to the Diocese concerning significant transactions involving, and changes in the charitable purposes of, any Diocesan Institution.

During its review of the proposed changes to Canon XVII, the Committee on Canons has, as authorized by Canon 21.03, made certain amendments to the proposal initially submitted by the Chancellor. These changes are believed to clarify the revised Canons and to enhance the timely flow of information to the Diocese regarding changes affecting Diocesan Institutions.

The Chancellor has approved all of the Committee’s suggested changes.

The Committee on Canons finds the proposed amendments to Canon XVII suitable in form and content, and recommends them to the Convention for adoption.