

Organization of General Convention Deputation

To be adopted as Canon 16.02

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

Canon XVI is amended by inserting after the existing Section 16.01 a new Section 16.02, and redesignating the remaining sections accordingly:

Sec. 16.02 Organization of General Convention Deputation. The deputation to the General Convention, consisting of lay and clergy deputies and alternates meeting as one body, shall elect its own leadership. The chair or co-chairs shall be elected from among the deputies, and if there be co-chairs, there shall be one from each order.

Note on Numbering

If this proposal is adopted, existing Canon 16.02—which is the subject of a separate proposal—would automatically be renumbered as Canon 16.03.

Proponent's Explanation

This proposed new canon would formalize the General Convention deputation's process of electing its leadership.

The practice in most dioceses is to confirm the clergy and/or lay deputies with the highest vote at Diocesan Convention. For General Convention 2009 and 2012, we have discerned that senior deputies from smaller deaneries may have the gifts for leadership and General Convention experience, but a moderate vote count. Therefore, we would like to be able to elect the deputies with leadership qualities and General Convention experience, instead of the individual(s) with the most name recognition at Diocesan Convention.

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Report of the Committee on Canons

The Committee on Canons finds this amendment suitable in form for adoption.

Submitted by the Committee on Canons.