

Deputies to the Provincial Synod

Canon 16.02 (potentially renumbered as Canon 16.03)

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, Section 16.02 is amended to state as follows:

Sec. 16.02 Deputies to the Provincial Synod. The deputies and alternate deputies representing the Diocese at the Synod of the Eighth Province shall be elected ~~at least six (6) months prior to the scheduled date of the Provincial Synod. Eligibility for such offices shall be by the deputation to the General Convention from among its members~~ in accordance with the Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Ordinances of the Eighth Province. ~~Deputies and alternates so elected shall serve at all meetings of the Provincial Synod for which elected during the two (2) years subsequent to the date of the Synod, and until their successors are elected. Any vacancy in such deputation shall be filled by the Bishop with the concurrence of Executive Council.~~

Note on Numbering

If the proposed new canon relating to the General Convention deputation is adopted, this canon will automatically be renumbered as Canon 16.03.

Proponent's Explanation

This proposal would allow the Provincial Synod deputation to be elected by the General Convention deputation from among its own members, eliminating the election of a separate deputation by the Diocesan Convention.

The members of the General Convention Deputation have historically served both roles. Awhile back, several dioceses split these roles to create more leadership opportunities. The hope was to establish a provincial community. However, this experiment has not been successful.

The Provincial Deputies are not funded and do not convene prior to the Provincial Synod. During the current triennium, the Provincial Synod takes place one day before General Convention in Indianapolis. In 2015, the General Convention will take place within our province at Salt Lake City, Utah. We anticipate this to be the standard. This was to allow Bishops and Deputies to reduce travel cost and adjust for it with an extra day's per diem.

By utilizing the members of the General Convention Deputation, specific individuals will be asked to take on a provincial ministry for the triennium and to

be accountable to the Diocese. This will allow for a better line of communications from the province to the Diocese of California.

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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.