

*The Committee on Governance, working under the direction of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of California, issues the following statement. The Standing Committee concurs with the Committee on Governance's endorsement of the proposed changes to Diocesan Canon XVII and is in full support of this amendment.*

*The Rev. Lori Walton, President, Standing Committee*

The Committee on Governance has reviewed and concurs with the proposed changes to Canon XVII as the changes strengthen the relationship between the Diocese and its Institutions. The committee agrees that the restoration of the consent of the Bishop and the Standing Committee to the election of all directors of Diocesan Institutions would better serve the Diocese by providing a formal process to review prospective directors' qualifications (including the canonically required affiliation with the Episcopal Church) as well as their commitment to maintaining each Institution as a ministry of the Diocese. The Committee on Governance also agrees that the articles and by-laws of an Institution should not be amended without the written consent of the Standing Committee and that any reporting to the State of California by an Institution should be shared in a timely manner with the Diocese.

The Rev. Jill Honodel+, Chair of the Committee on Governance