

Required Notice to Dioceses from General Convention

The following constitutional amendments have passed their first vote at General Convention 2009 and will be voted on a second time at the 2012 General Convention:

1. Consent to Episcopal Elections:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention amend Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church as follows:

Sec. 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. ~~But if the election shall have taken place within one hundred twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees.~~ No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

2. Amend Constitution, Article I.4 (Convocation of American Churches in Europe name change)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the "Convocation of the American Churches in Europe" to "Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe" as follows:

Sec. 4 . The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of ~~the American~~ *Episcopal Churches in Europe*, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of ~~the American~~ *Episcopal Churches in Europe*, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

3. Officiating by those from Churches in Communion

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows:

No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established shall be eligible for licensing to officiate under this Article.