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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEVADA

CANON I

The Ecclesiastical Authority

- Section 1: (a) The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada shall be vested in and exercised by the Diocesan Bishop and the Standing Committee in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.
- (b) As used in these Canons, the term "Diocesan Bishop" shall be understood to mean the Bishop exercising jurisdiction under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.
- Section 2: (a) Whenever the Diocesan Bishop shall leave the Diocese for a period of more than three (3) successive calendar months, the Bishop Coadjutor, together with the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during such absence, or in the absence of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop, and if there be neither Bishop Coadjutor nor Suffragan Bishop, then the Standing Committee of the Diocese, alone.
- (b) In the event of the death of the Diocesan Bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be determined in the order of preference set forth in subparagraph (a) of this section. If there be no Bishop Coadjutor, a special session of Convention shall be called, as soon as feasible, in accordance with Canon VIII.

The Diocesan Bishop is the Chief Pastor of the Diocese and may officiate in the services of the Church within any congregation or elsewhere in the Diocese.

The Diocesan Bishop is the Ordinary of all religious and benevolent organizations of the Church within the Diocese and may attend and preside at any of their meetings and has power of review of their proceedings.

All controversies between congregations of the Diocese or clergy thereof, or between a parish or its vestry and its rector; or between persons adversely claiming to be members of the vestry of a parish, shall be referred for determination to the Ecclesiastical Authority, whose judgment shall be final.

CANON II

The Standing Committee

There shall be a Standing Committee of the Diocese which shall have the powers, functions and duties prescribed by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Canons of this Diocese. Those duties shall include acting as the council of advice to the Bishop, to give advice and consent to the purchase, alienation, encumbrance or disposition of Diocesan property; for the remission of judicial sentences; for the consent to the ordination and consecration of bishops; for consent for clergy to enter secular employment; to approve candidates for ordination; to receive notification of a bishop's resignation; to certify cases of abandonment of communion; to give testimonials for ordination and to present for trial in cases of abandoning ministry. All proceedings of the Standing Committee when acting as a council of advice to the Bishop shall be strictly confidential unless the Bishop and Standing Committee shall mutually determine otherwise. If there is no Bishop able or authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

The Standing Committee shall also have the power to budget and make expenditures and disposition of monies and property of the Diocese in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Canons of this Diocese and the applicable laws of the State of Nevada. The Standing Committee shall submit the budget of this Diocese for each ensuing fiscal year to the Convention. The budget and explanatory material, which together comprise the program of this Diocese, shall be considered as a debatable resolution which may be amended and shall be approved by a majority vote of the Convention.

Section 3: The Standing Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Convention between meetings thereof; to implement and carryout the programs and policies adopted by the Convention; consider and review area programs; initiate and develop such new work between meetings of the Convention as may be necessary; and prepare a program for presentation to the Convention. The Standing Committee shall be accountable to the Convention and shall make a written report concerning the work with which it is charged to each meeting of the Convention.

Section 4: Each Mission District of the Diocese constituted pursuant to Canon IX Sec. 12 of these Canons shall be entitled to representation on the Standing Committee one lay person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a parish within the Mission District and one clergy person who regularly serves in a parish in the Mission District. The terms shall be staggered so that one position from a Mission District shall expire each year. Each Mission District shall at a meeting of the Mission District prior to September 1 of each year elect one (1) representative of the same order as the expiring position on the Standing Committee. In the event a

Mission District fails to elect one (1) representative of the same order as the expiring position on the Standing Committee, the Standing Committee in its discretion may nominate a person of the appropriate order and eligible to represent the Mission District in question for election to Standing Committee by the Diocesan Convention. No person who is a paid employee of the Diocese, a postulant or candidate for Holy Orders may be a member of the Standing Committee. In addition, the following shall be members *ex officio* of the Standing Committee: the Bishop, any Bishop Coadjutor and any Suffragan Bishop serving in the Diocese; the Treasurer; the Secretary to Convention (who shall serve as secretary to the Standing Committee) and the Chancellor. Two (2) youth representatives, between the ages of thirteen (13) and nineteen (19) years of age and communicants in good standing at a congregation in the Diocese, who may be elected at-large by Convention, shall also be *ex officio* members of the Standing Committee. The *ex-officio* members shall have seat and voice, but no voting privileges.

Section 5: The term of the office of the Standing Committee shall be two (2) years. Each term shall begin at the meeting of the Standing Committee at the first Convention after which the member of the Standing Committee was elected and end at conclusion of the first Convention after which their successors were elected. Members of the Standing Committee may seek reelection until they have served three complete consecutive terms. Thereafter, no member of the Standing Committee shall be eligible for reelection (or election in the case of an appointed member) until one (1) year has elapsed from the expiration of his or her third full term. As soon as practical after the election of new Standing Committee members at each Convention, the Standing Committee shall meet and elect a President from among its members, either clerical or lay. The Secretary to Convention shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Standing Committee.

Section 6: In the event that a member of the Standing Committee becomes disaffiliated from the parish in the Mission District which he or she represents and does not become affiliated with another parish in the Mission District which he or she represents, his or her position on the Standing Committee shall become vacant. Whenever a member of the Standing Committee is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings, whether regular or special, without good cause being shown, they shall be presumed to have resigned their position and a vacancy is created. Should any vacancy occur on the Standing Committee through resignation, death or disability of a member or disaffiliation from the parish within the Mission District without an affiliation with another parish within the Mission District more than ninety (90) days before the next Convention, the Standing Committee shall fill such vacancy by appointment of a

qualified person to serve until a successor is elected by the next Convention. Such a successor shall serve the balance of the term of the person who resigned or otherwise vacated their position. For purposes of this canon, a lay person shall be deemed to be disaffiliated if such person moves his or her membership to another parish outside the Mission District which he or she represents or ceases to worship and participate in the life of the parish on a regular basis. A clergy person shall be deemed to be disaffiliated when he or she ceases to regularly serve in the parish.

- Section 7: The Standing Committee shall meet at least quarterly upon five (5) days written notice. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop, the President, or upon the request of any five (5) members, with written notice not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting. Written notice, for this purpose, may include e mail communication and may be sent by the President, the Secretary to Convention, the Bishop, or Diocesan Staff.
- Section 8: The Bishop shall preside at meetings of the Standing Committee or may delegate this responsibility to the President of the Standing Committee.
- Section 9: The Standing Committee may discharge the work with which it is charged by the consent of a quorum of its members obtained through written balloting, including e-mail, telephonic conferences or similar methods of communication by which all members participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with all other members. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Standing Committee may also be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote. A majority of members of the Standing Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and a majority of a quorum so convened shall be competent to act for the Standing Committee unless the Canons expressly require a larger number.
- Section 10: The Standing Committee has the right to organize itself, subject to the provisions of this Canon, as necessary and may adopt its own rules of procedure and appoint ad hoc committees as deemed necessary. The Standing Committee shall appoint from among its members and from confirmed adult communicants in good standing in a congregation of this Diocese, a Finance Committee to have oversight of all Diocesan finances and to make recommendations to the Standing Committee for the responsible stewardship of Diocesan assets.
- Section 11: Lay members of the Standing Committee shall have seat, voice and vote in the Convention and shall be classified as Delegates-at-Large.

CANON III

Other Officers and Bodies of the Diocese

- Section 1:
- (a) There shall be a Secretary to Convention, a Chancellor and a Treasurer appointed by the Diocesan Bishop and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Diocesan Bishop.
 - (b) The Secretary to Convention shall be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of some congregation in canonical union with the Diocese. The Secretary's duty shall be to gather and have in safe keeping journals, pamphlets, reports and other documents belonging to the Diocese. The Secretary shall be the registrar and historiographer of the Diocese, unless other persons are appointed to these offices by the Diocesan Bishop with the approval of Convention. The Secretary shall have seat, voice and vote at meetings of Convention, and shall be an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee. Should the office of Secretary become vacant through death, resignation or dysfunction, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement.
 - (c) The Chancellor of the Diocese shall be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of some parish congregation in canonical union with the Diocese, learned in the law, and a member of the State Bar of Nevada. The Chancellor shall be the legal advisor of the Diocesan Bishop and the Convention and of all officers, committees and organizations of the Convention and the Diocese. The Chancellor shall have seat, voice and vote at meetings of the Convention, and shall be an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee. The Diocesan Bishop may appoint an Assistant Chancellor with seat and voice, but no vote, at Convention. Should the office of Chancellor become vacant through death, resignation or dysfunction, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement.
 - (d) The Treasurer of the Diocese shall be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of some parish congregation in canonical union with the Diocese. The treasurer shall receive all monies collected under direction of the Convention, except in such cases as may be otherwise especially provided for. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Convention of all monies and other property entrusted to the Diocesan treasury, which accounts shall be fully audited as ordered by the Canons of the Episcopal Church. The Treasurer shall include in the annual report to the Convention a listing of each Parish's asking payments received for the preceding calendar year together with the base amount upon

which those asking payments were calculated and the percentage of the payment amount to the base amount. The Treasurer shall have seat, voice and vote at meetings of the Convention, and shall be an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee. Should the office of Treasurer become vacant through death, resignation or dysfunction, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement.

Section 2: There shall be a Disciplinary Board constituted as provided in section 6 of this Canon.

Section 3: At each Convention the Diocesan Bishop, with the concurrence of the Convention, shall appoint a Commission on Ordination and Licensing which shall consist of five (5) clergy members, five (5) deacons and five (5) lay members with the Deans to serve as ex officio members. The members shall be communicants in good standing and canonically resident within the Diocese. The duties of this committee shall be those prescribed by the Canons of the Episcopal Church. The term of the members shall be limited to three (3) years.

Section 4: The Diocesan Bishop with consent of the Standing Committee shall appoint such additional commissions and committees as are necessary to conduct the programs of the Diocese.

Section 5: The Board of Trustees of the Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center, Inc., shall consist of ten (10) members to be selected as follows:

- (a) Three (3) members at-large shall be elected for a three (3) year term each on a rotating basis with one member being elected each year at and by the annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.
- (b) Three (3) members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term each on a rotating basis by a majority of the Board of Trustees with one member being appointed each year. The Boards appointment shall be made and submitted to the Bishop for confirmation no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
- (c) Three (3) members, including the Treasurer, shall be appointed for a three (3) year term each on a rotating basis by the Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada with one member being appointed each year within sixty (60) days following the Convention. One of the three appointees may be a member of the Standing Committee.
- (d) One (1) member shall be appointed in a manner determined by the Congregation of St. John's, Glenbrook, for a three (3) year term.

- (e) In the event of a vacancy on the Galilee Board of Trustees resulting from resignation, incapacity, refusal to serve or death, the appointing entity shall have the power to fill such vacancy. Any person having served three (3) consecutive terms as a trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center shall not be re-appointed or elected to such office until the lapse or one (1) year.

Section 6: The Disciplinary Board

- (a) There shall be a Disciplinary Board. The Board shall consist of not less than seven persons, four of whom are members of the Clergy and three of whom are Laity.
- (b) Clergy Members. The Clergy members of the Board must be canonically and geographically resident within the Diocese.
- (c) Lay Members. The lay members of the Board shall be Adult Communicants in Good Standing, and geographically resident in the Diocese.
- (d) Election. The members of the Board shall be elected by the Convention, Each member shall be elected for a three (3) year term; except, if a member is elected to fill a vacancy, the term of such member shall be the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The term of the member shall commence on the first (1st) day of the year following election. The terms of office of the Board shall be staggered and arranged into three classes.
- (e) Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as follows:
 - (1) Upon the determination that a vacancy exists, the President of the Board shall notify the Bishop of the vacancy and request appointment of a replacement member of the same order as the member to be replaced.
 - (2) The Bishop shall appoint a replacement Board member.
 - (3) Persons appointed to fill vacancies on the Board shall meet the same eligibility requirements as apply to elected Board members.
 - (4) With respect to a vacancy created for any reason other than pursuant to a challenge as provided below, the term of any person selected as a replacement Board member shall be

until the next annual Convention. With respect to a vacancy resulting from a challenge, the replacement Board member shall serve only for the proceedings for which the elected Board member is not serving as a result of the challenge.

- (f) Preserving Impartiality. In any proceeding under this Canon, if any member of a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel of the Board shall become aware of a personal conflict of interest or undue bias, that member shall immediately notify the President of the Board and request a replacement member of the Panel. Respondent's Counsel and the Church Attorney shall have the right to challenge any member of a Panel for conflict of interest or undue bias by motion to the Panel for disqualification of the challenged member. The members of the Panel not the subjects of the challenge shall promptly consider the motion and determine whether the challenged Panel member shall be disqualified from participating in that proceeding.
- (g) President. Within sixty (60) days following the Convention, the Board shall convene to elect a President to serve for the following calendar year.
- (h) Intake Officer. The Intake Officer shall be appointed from time to time by the Bishop after consultation with the Board. The Bishop may appoint one or more Intake Officers according to the needs of the Diocese. The Bishop shall publish the name(s) and contact information of the Intake Officer(s) throughout the Diocese.
- (i) Investigator. The Bishop shall appoint an Investigator in consultation with the President of the Board. The Investigator may, but need not be a Member of the Church.
- (j) Church Attorney. Within sixty (60) days following each annual Convention, the Bishop in consultation with the Standing Committee or Disciplinary Board shall appoint an attorney to serve as Church Attorney to serve for the following calendar year. The person so selected must be a Member of the Church and a duly licensed attorney, but need not reside within the Diocese.
- (j) Pastoral Response Coordinator. The Bishop may appoint a Pastoral Response Coordinator, to serve at the will of the Bishop in coordinating the delivery of appropriate pastoral responses provided for in Title IV.8 of the General Canons and this Canon. The Pastoral Response Coordinator may be the Intake Officer, but

shall not be a person serving in any other appointed or elected capacity under this Canon.

- (l) Advisors. In each proceeding under this Canon, the Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant and an Advisor for the Respondent. Persons serving as Advisors shall hold no other appointed or elected position provided for under this Canon, and shall not include chancellors or vice chancellors of this Diocese or any person likely to be called as a witness in the proceeding.
- (m) Clerk. The Board shall appoint a Board Clerk to assist the Board with records management and administrative support. The Clerk may be a member of the Board.

Section 7: Costs Incurred by the Church. The reasonable costs and expenses of the Board, the Intake Officer, the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Board Clerk and the Pastoral Response Coordinator shall be the Obligation of the Diocese, subject to budgetary constraints as may be established by authority designated to prepare and adopt the annual budget.

- Section 8:
- (a) Records of Proceedings. Records of active proceedings before the Board, including the period of any pending appeal, shall be preserved and maintained in the custody of the Clerk, if there be one, otherwise by the Diocesan office.
 - (b) Permanent Records. The Bishop shall make provision for the permanent storage of records of all proceedings under this Canon at the Diocese and the Archives of the Episcopal Church, as prescribed in Title IV of the General Canons.

Section 9: Neither the Treasurer, Chancellor nor diocesan staff (employees or volunteers who report directly to the Bishop) are eligible to serve as members of elected bodies of the Diocese or as vestry members in their home parishes.

CANON IV

The Convention

Section 1: There shall be an annual Convention. The time and place of the annual Convention shall be designated by Convention two years in advance. The Diocesan Bishop with consent of the Standing Committee may change the time and place of meeting.

Section 2: Every Convention shall consist of clergy and laity.

Section 3: Every clergy member, of whatever order, who is canonically resident and is performing the duties of his or her office, and who is not under Ecclesiastical Discipline, has the right to sit, speak and vote in the Convention. This includes those clergy rostered in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who have regular diocesan or congregational assignment within this Diocese (Amended 2003).

Section 4: (a) Lay members entitled to a seat and vote in Convention shall be the wardens of the parishes and elected members from each parish. Unless the congregation's representation is limited pursuant to Canon V.3 .c., representation shall be in the proportion of one (1) member for each fifty (50) confirmed adult communicants in good standing or major fraction thereof; provided that no parish shall be represented by less than one (1) nor more than (10) elected delegates. Alternates for wardens and delegates shall also be elected.

(b) Lay members of the Convention shall be communicants and qualified electors of the congregation, which they represent. Elected members shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the parish by the qualified electors of the congregation, or in default of such election, by the vestry. If there be no election as provided above, or if for other reason the representation shall fall below the canonical quota, the rector, or senior warden, if there is no rector, may appoint delegates, or in default of such action, the Diocesan Bishop may appoint them.

(c) Each congregation shall also be entitled to two (2) additional representatives who are youth lay persons between 13 and 19 years of age and communicants in good standing within the congregation. Youth representatives shall be elected by the congregation in the same manner provided herein for other lay members. The youth members shall be entitled to seat, voice and vote in the Convention. Nevada law precludes youth members under 18 years of age from voting on issues involving contracts between the Diocese and third parties, investments, loans, banking and real property.

Section 5: A quorum for the Convention shall be a majority of all congregations entitled to representation.

Section 6: Only those clergy members, lay members and youth representatives physically present at the Convention with seat, voice and vote may vote.

Section 7: Members of religious orders under direction of the Diocesan Bishop and

resident within the Diocese may have seat, voice and vote in the Convention upon recommendation of the President of Convention and approval of the majority of the delegates, lay and clergy, in attendance. Members of religious orders so sealed shall be deemed Delegates at Large.

Section 8: (a) The Diocesan Bishop shall be the President of Convention, and shall have all the rights and privileges of any other clerical member. The Diocesan Bishop shall arrange for all services of worship and for devotions in connection with the meetings of Convention, and shall appoint an Order of Business to be followed during the current session of the same, subject to the approval of the Convention.

(b) In the absence of the Diocesan Bishop, the following shall serve as President of the Convention, in order of preference: the Bishop Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop, or the President of Standing Committee.

Section 9: At meetings of the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate and vote as one body except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Section 10: The Secretary to the Convention shall take charge of all papers of the Convention, and shall take minutes of the proceedings and have them preserved in a Journal of Convention. The Secretary to the Convention shall, one month before the annual Convention, notify all clergy and the senior warden of each parish of the time and place of such meeting, and of the number of delegates to which each parish is entitled; and shall also send blanks for the certification of lay delegates.

Section 11: The Convention fiscal year shall end on December 31.

Section 12: The President of the Convention shall appoint such regular committees as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the preparation and work of the Convention.

Section 13: (a) Except as provided herein, all elections in the Convention shall be by written ballot.

(b) When more than one office is to be filled from the same slate of candidates, or there are more than two candidates in an election for one office, any candidate receiving a majority of votes shall be deemed elected. If after any two (2) consecutive ballots, no candidate has received a majority of votes, the candidate receiving

the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot. No candidate shall be deemed elected unless such candidate shall have received a majority of the votes cast. This process shall continue until all offices have been filled.

- (c) When there is only one candidate for any office, the election may be by voice vote.
- (d) These provisions shall not apply to the election of bishops, which shall be governed by Canon VIII.

Section 14: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause to be published as soon as practicable after Convention a copy of its proceedings and the Diocesan Bishop's annual address or report.

- Section 15:
- (a)
 - (1) By the Feast of Epiphany, following each Convention, the Diocesan Bishop shall appoint a Convention Planning Committee consisting of clergy and lay persons and appoint a Convention Arrangements Committee generally consisting of persons in the parish hosting the convention.
 - (2) The Convention Planning Committee shall act as the dispatch of business committee of the Convention.
 - (b) Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first day of the annual Convention, the Diocesan Bishop shall appoint a Resolutions Committee. All resolutions to be considered by the Convention, other than resolutions of a commendatory nature, shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee not less than ninety (90) days prior to the first day of Convention. The Resolutions Committee may report any resolution submitted to the floor of the Convention with its recommendation for action.

The Resolutions Committee may also decline to report a resolution to the floor of the Convention, upon condition that the resolution be returned to the maker and that the committee report to the Convention the action taken and the reason therefore; however, nothing herewith shall prevent any resolution or substitute resolution from being considered at a Convention provided that two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present and voting agree to such consideration. The report of the Resolutions Committee, including the resolutions to be considered by the Convention and its report of resolutions returned to their makers, shall be submitted to the Secretary to Convention not later than sixty (60) days prior to the day of Convention, and the Secretary to Convention shall

cause copies thereof to be sent to each parish at least thirty (30) days prior to Convention.

CANON V

Diocesan Asking

- Section 1: The diocesan asking shall be the asking of the Diocese from its congregations for the support of the diocesan administration and program, and the Episcopal Church, as determined by convention.
- Section 2: It shall be the duty of every congregation to pay into the diocesan treasury each month a proportionate share of its diocesan asking.
- Section 3:
- (a) In the event any congregation shall fail to meet its diocesan asking for two (2) consecutive months, representatives of the congregation shall meet with two (2) members of the Standing Committee and lay the matter before them for report to the Standing Committee at its next regular meeting.
 - (b) The Standing Committee shall tender such assistance to the delinquent congregation as it can. In the event such assistance by the Standing Committee fails to rectify the particular situation, then the matter of the delinquency of the congregation in question shall be referred to the Ecclesiastical Authority for review.
 - (c)
 - (1) In the event a parish congregation fails to pay the diocesan asking and the parish fails to pay at least two-thirds of its diocesan asking for the prior fiscal year, it shall be allowed representation in Convention of not more than one (1) clerical and one (1) lay delegate. This section shall take precedence over Canon IV.4.a., if applicable.
 - (2) The rector, or if there be no rector then the wardens, of a parish to which this section applies shall be notified by the Ecclesiastical Authority not less than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of Convention. The limitation set forth in this section shall not be effective in the absence or tardiness of such notice.

(3) A parish to which this section applies and which has received timely notice of same, may make application to the Ecclesiastical Authority for a hearing, and upon good cause shown for such failure, the Ecclesiastical Authority may waive this provision and allow the applicant parish to have its full representation at Convention.

- Section 4:
- (a) If any congregation shall fail to pay its diocesan asking for any prior fiscal year, such deficiency shall be considered an outstanding obligation of such congregation to the Diocese.
 - (b) Representatives of the congregation shall meet with two (2) members of the Standing Committee to arrange for methods by which such obligation shall be paid. (Any payment received by the Diocese from such congregation shall be first applied to the current monthly obligation. The balance, if any, shall then be applied to any unpaid monthly obligations of the current fiscal year and any balance then remaining shall be applied to any prior fiscal year obligation).

CANON VI

Diocesan Endowment Fund

- Section 1: The diocesan endowment fund shall consist of such donations and contributions as shall be made thereto.
- Section 2: All monies and securities belonging to this fund shall be administered by the Standing Committee for the benefit of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.
- Section 3: The income from the fund may be made available for use as requested by the Standing Committee, and/or the Convention.

CANON VII

Representation in General Convention

- Section 1: At the annual Convention of the year next preceding the General Convention, the Convention shall elect not more than four (4) clergy Members and four (4) lay persons to represent the Diocese at General Convention and not more than four (4) clergy members and four (4) lay persons as alternates.
- Section 2: The clerical deputies and alternates shall be presbyters and/or deacons

canonically resident within the Diocese. The lay deputies and alternates shall be confirmed adult communicants of a parish in canonical union with the Diocese.

Section 3: In the absence or non-attendance of a deputy, the alternates, in the order of their election, shall act for such Deputies.

Section 4: Any vacancy in the representation of the Diocese in General Convention which cannot be filled by an alternate, shall be filled by appointment of the Diocesan Bishop.

Section 5: Deputies and alternates to General Convention are ex-officio deputies and alternates to Provincial Synod.

CANON VIII

Election of a Bishop

Section 1: The election of a Diocesan Bishop, or of a Bishop Coadjutor, or of a Suffragan Bishop, for this Diocese shall be made at the annual session of the Convention, or at a special session called for that purpose, provided that, at least sixty (60) days before the time of such special or annual meeting, a notice be sent in writing by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every clergy member who is a member of the Convention, and to every senior warden of the parishes canonically in union with this Diocese. This notice shall state the purpose, time and place of the proposed election.

Section 2: Prior to the meeting of such Convention, a nominating committee consisting of five (5) clergy members and five (5) lay persons shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to receive and make nominations to the Convention. Nominations may also be made by petition by any person seeking to be considered for election. A petition must be filed with the Standing Committee at least four months prior to the electing Convention. Qualification for election to the episcopate shall be determined by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Section 3: Elections shall be made in the following manner:

- (a) After nominations have been received, the clergy and laity, in executive session and voting by orders, shall choose some qualified member of the clergy for the office.
- (b) A quorum for the election of a Diocesan Bishop, or Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop shall be a majority of the parishes

entitled to representation.

- (c) A concurrent majority in each order shall be necessary for election.

CANON IX

Parishes and Congregations

- Section 1: (a) A group of persons desiring to become and be recognized as a parish congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada shall petition the Diocese in the following form:

"To: The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

"Sensible to the truth of Christianity, desiring to increase its influence in our lives and the lives of our families and neighbors, and desiring to assume full congregational participation in and responsibility for the life, governance and support of the work of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, do hereby petition to be received as a parish congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, and we do hereby affirm and promise our conformity with the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine and Discipline of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada."

- (b) The petition must be signed by all members of the group sixteen (16) years of age or older. It must be accompanied by a list of families and members showing age, sex, status (baptized, confirmed) and addresses; a description of the community of locale intended to be served by the parish, and support for the ministries and stewardship of the congregation and members.

Section 2: The Ecclesiastical Authority shall present their recommendations concerning the petition to the annual Convention where the matter shall be decided.

Section 3: Upon receipt of formal notice of consent of Convention, the Parish shall be organized at a public meeting at which the Diocesan Bishop or the Bishop's representative shall preside. All adult members shall be given notice of said meeting at least thirty (30) days in advance. Members shall organize and elect a vestry, or organize under Canon XIV.5 if applicable, and may establish bylaws as they see fit, providing said bylaws recognize the precedence of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.

- Section 4: The title to all property of a parish congregation shall be vested in the diocesan corporation known as the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, with the exception of a parish chartered under Section 5 of this Canon.
- Section 5: (a) A parish desiring to incorporate must notify the Ecclesiastical Authority in writing and submit a copy of the proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws. A parish must have the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority and approval of incorporation documents before proceeding. Subsequent amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws must be submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authority.
- (b) An incorporated parish may hold title to property in which case the title shall read: "The (rector), wardens and vestry of (N) parish in trust for (N) Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. . ."
- (c) An incorporated parish may, upon agreement of the vestry and the Ecclesiastical Authority, become an unincorporated parish, in which case the title to all property shall then be transferred to the diocesan corporation known as the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.
- Section 6: (a) No real property of a parish congregation, whether or not incorporated, shall be sold, liened, hypothecated or otherwise alienated without written consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority.
- (b) The proceeds of any casualty insurance policy covering such real property shall be considered real property for the purposes of this canon.
- Section 7: (a) The Diocesan Bishop, with consent of the Standing Committee, may recommend to the annual Convention that a parish congregation should be dissolved when, for reasons of ministry strategy, the area served can be better served by an alternative structure.
- (b) When in the opinion of the Diocesan Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, a parish does not comply with its obligations as a parish congregation in:
- (1) conforming to the Constitution and Canons, Doctrine and Discipline of this Church, or
- (2) supporting a local ministry in a form and proficiency acceptable to the Ecclesiastical Authority, or

- (3) meeting established diocesan standards for support of the diocesan and general church program, or
- (4) representing itself at annual Convention; and when the vestry, having been given notice of the failure of compliance and opportunity, fails to negotiate an acceptable resolution of the matter, the Diocesan Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee shall report to the Convention recommending to the Convention that the parish congregation should be dissolved.

(c) The Convention shall take action on said recommendation.

Section 8: Upon dissolution of a parish, the title to all property not already held by the Diocese shall vest automatically and forthwith with the diocesan corporation known as the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, and any parochial corporation which may have been chartered by the State of Nevada shall be dissolved.

Section 9: Any remnant of a dissolved parish may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority to continue as a parish congregation by submitting a plan of reorganization to the Ecclesiastical Authority and following Sections 1 through 4, above.

Section 10: Two or more parish congregations may be joined to form one parish by submitting their plan of union to the Ecclesiastical Authority and following Sections 1 through 4, above.

Section 11: A congregation of Christian people using a rite other than that set forth in the Book of Common Prayer (1979) and desiring affiliation with this Church while continuing to use their own rite, may make application in accordance with Canon 1.16.1 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Section 12: The Standing Committee shall, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, designate not fewer than four (4) nor more than seven (7) Mission Districts of this Diocese. Each Mission District shall be geographically contiguous. The congregations of the Diocese shall gather in such Mission Districts at least twice annually, to offer input on the diocesan budget and proposed resolutions and canon amendments, and to elect representatives to Standing Committee; and for programs of mutual and Diocesan interest, to develop joint mission strategy and for education opportunities. Each Mission District may structure its organization as seems most expeditious. The persons entitled to vote at Mission District meetings for the election of Standing Committee members shall be the clergy, wardens, and delegates to Diocesan Convention who are eligible to represent their

parishes at the Diocesan Convention to be held after such Mission District meeting but in the same calendar year. Members of the Standing Committee may be elected only at a Mission District meeting where a quorum is present. A quorum shall be defined as a majority of the parishes in the mission district being represented by at least one person qualified to vote.

CANON X

Membership

- Section 1:
- (a) All persons who have received the sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose baptisms have been duly recorded into this Church are members thereof.
 - (b) All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are communicants of this Church.
 - (c) For the purpose of statistical consistency in this Diocese, members and communicants sixteen (16) years of age and over shall be considered adults.
 - (d) All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

CANON XI

Church Records

- Section 1: Rectors, or if there be no rector, the wardens, shall be custodians of the parish register and other records. An administrator may be appointed by the vestry to exercise this responsibility.
- Section 2: A record of all public services shall be kept, in which shall be noted place, date, and nature of each service, the attendance, and if the service be the Holy Communion, the number of persons communicating.
- Section 3: Each parish shall keep a list of its members, adult members, communicants and adult communicants which shall be the basis of the

Annual Parochial Statistical Report. Letters of Transfer and Certificates of Membership shall be issued and received insofar as possible, as outlined in the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

CANON XII

Parochial Finances

- Section 1: The fiscal year shall begin January 1.
- Section 2: At the close of each year all accounts having to do with the receipts or expenditure or investment of money of Church organizations shall be audited by a certified public accountant licensed in the state of Nevada, or a three (3) member committee of the vestry.
- Section 3: Parishes with a Rector who is retiring or accepting a calling elsewhere shall hire a certified public accountant licensed in the state of Nevada who is not a member of said Parish, to conduct an audit of the Parish's financial records for the one (1) year period prior to the official departure of the Rector. The one (1) year period may include the year of the Rector's departure. The audit is to be conducted during the interim period between Rectors and is to be completed prior to the calling of a new Rector. If a Parish in accordance with Canon XII, Section 2, used a license certified public accountant and such audit covered the required one (1) year period, this requirement is considered satisfied.
- Section 4: The annual budget of every parish shall contain, in addition to the amount agreed upon to be paid as clerical salary and pension premiums, sums adequate for the following:
- (a) Public liability insurance procured from an insurance carrier approved by the Diocese combined single limit coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 and naming the parish or parochial corporation, and the diocesan corporation known as the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, as insureds;
 - (b) Casualty insurance procured from an insurance carrier approved by the Diocese providing full replacement cost coverage for personalty and fixtures, and complete repair or rebuilding coverage for real property improvements; such insurance shall name the diocesan corporation known as the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada as a loss payee;
 - (c) Payment of the diocesan asking in accordance with the provisions of Canon V.

- Section 5: (a) Each congregation shall contribute annually a minimum of one percent (1%) of its previous year's net disposable income to one or more of the accredited seminaries in the Episcopal Church, of which at least half (1/2) of the minimum shall be contributed to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.
- (b) The net disposable income is defined as the annual parish income subject to the diocesan asking.
- Section 6: Every congregation shall every month send to the diocesan office a detailed statement of its receipts and disbursements for the prior month.
- Section 7: On or before January 31, of each year, each congregation shall send to the diocesan office a copy of the budget adopted by it for the ensuing year and the annual parochial report in the form prescribed by General Convention.
- Section 8: On the occasion of the Diocesan Bishop's annual visitation to a congregation, the offering not otherwise specially designated shall be given to the Bishop for discretionary use in the work of the Diocese.

CANON XIII

Annual Meetings and Reports

- Section 1: There shall be an annual meeting of every parish before January 31, for the election of delegates to Convention and of a vestry, for receiving reports, and for such other business as it may lawfully transact.
- Section 2: The qualified voters of the congregation shall be all adult members of the congregation, who have been regular contributors to the income of the congregation for the six (6) months next preceding the meeting of the congregation. A statement by any member of the Church that he or she has contributed regularly to the income of the congregation, through the open plate, shall be accepted as evidence of regular contribution until the contrary be shown.
- Section 3: Special meetings of the congregation may be called by a warden, the rector, or any two (2) vestry members. Announcement of the time and place and purpose of all such meetings shall be given at one (1) or more public services of the Church next preceding such meeting.
- Section 4: The rector shall preside at all meetings of the congregation; but if the rector is not present, then a warden, or a vestry member, in the order of seniority, shall preside (Amended 2003).

Section 5: At the annual meeting of every parish a report on the State of the Cure shall be made by the presiding officer. Such report shall include the membership list of the parish as recorded according to Canon XI.3.

Section 6: At the annual meeting the treasurer of the parish shall report the receipts and disbursements for the year previous. Financial reports of all the organizations of the congregation shall also be made.

CANON XIV

Vestries

Section 1: (a) The vestry, in cooperation with the Ecclesiastical Authority, and in compliance with applicable diocesan policies, practices and standards, shall provide for the regular corporate worship and sacraments for the congregation; for the support and enablement of the ministries of its members; and for the stewardship of the resources of the congregation.

(b) The provisions of this section are not intended to contravene the provisions of Canon XV.

Section 2: (a) The vestry shall consist of one (1) or two (2) wardens and from four (4) to ten (10) others. The wardens and vestry members shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing and qualified electors of the Parish. Vestry members shall not include paid staff of that parish. Nevada law precludes vestry members under 18 years of age from voting on issues involving contracts between the parish and third parties, investments, loans, banking and real property. A vestry majority for purposes of voting on issues involving contracts between the parish and third parties, investments, loans, banking and real property, shall consist of a majority of all vestry members over 18 years of age present at the meeting at which there is a quorum.

(b) The number of wardens and vestry within these limitations shall be determined by the congregation at an annual meeting, unless parish bylaws provide otherwise.

Section 3: Unless parish bylaws provide otherwise, the selection of vestry members shall be as follows as determined by the congregation at an annual meeting.

(a) Wardens shall be selected as follows: (1) If there is a rector, one warden shall be appointed by the rector from the vestry

membership unless the rector agrees to elect as follows: (2) The congregation, at an annual meeting, determines the election process of one or two wardens either (a) by election annually from its membership or, (b) the vestry elects one or two wardens annually from its membership.

- (b) Other vestry members shall be elected by the congregation for three (3) year terms with terms appropriately staggered.
- (c) A member may serve no more than six (6) consecutive years on the vestry.
- (d) The vestry shall appoint annually a clerk and a treasurer who need not be members of the vestry.
- (e) The vestry selects either a warden or the rector as its presiding officer. Said officer then presides at vestry meetings and at meetings of the congregation.
- (f) In the event the office of warden becomes vacant during the year, the vestry (or the rector, as appropriate) shall appoint one of the members of the vestry to fill the position until the next annual meeting. In the event of other vacancies in the vestry, the vestry shall appoint a qualified member of the congregation to fill the position until the next annual parish meeting.

Section 4: At least six (6) regular meeting of the Vestry shall be held annually at stated intervals and at a time and place fixed by the Vestry. Special meetings may be called by the Diocesan Bishop, the rector, a warden or any two (2) members of the Vestry, care having been exercised to give all members not less than one (1) week notice thereof. The Vestry may not take formal action except at a regularly scheduled meeting or properly noticed special meeting and with a majority of all members present.

- Section 5:
- (a) Parish congregations with fewer than forty (40) adult members and wishing to dispense with the organization of a vestry may elect to conduct the affairs of the congregation at a series of not fewer than four (4) congregational meetings annually. Such meetings shall exercise the full responsibility and authority of a vestry as set forth in Section 1 and 4 of this Canon and as hereinafter provided.
 - (b) The congregation may function as a vestry at meetings regularly scheduled or called provided that at least half of the adult members of the congregation are present.

- (c) The congregation shall elect warden(s) at its annual meeting in accordance with Section 2 and 3 of this Canon. The congregation shall also elect a parish treasurer and a parish clerk.

Section 6: The Cathedral Chapter

- (a) The Members of the Chapter. The members of the Cathedral Chapter shall be selected as follows:
 - (1) The Bishop and the Dean or Deans shall be members of the Chapter. The Bishop shall serve as Chair but may delegate that responsibility to the Dean.
 - (2) Two members will be appointed by the Dean for a period of three years, except that one of his initial appointments will be for two years in order to establish staggered terms. Both such members of the Chapter will be members of the Cathedral's parish congregation. One such member will also be a member of the Cathedral parish's Vestry and one will not.
 - (3) Two members will be appointed by the Bishop for a period of three years, except that one of his first appointments will be for one year in order to establish staggered terms. One such member will be a member of the Standing Committee and one will not.
 - (4) Three members will be elected by the Diocesan Convention for a period of three years, except that in the first election, one position will be for a term of one year and another will be for a term of two years, in order to establish staggered terms. Members of the Cathedral's parish congregation and the Standing Committee shall not be eligible for election to the Chapter by the Diocesan Convention.
 - (5) If the Bishop should designate a Pro-Cathedral, the Dean of the Pro-Cathedral shall serve as a member of the Chapter and shall appoint two members of that congregation to serve on the Chapter for a term of three years, except that in the initial appointment, one appointment shall be for a term of two years in order to establish staggered terms. One such appointee to the Chapter shall be a member of the Pro-Cathedral's vestry and one shall not.
 - (6) Members of the Chapter may be of any order. Lay

members must be confirmed members of a Nevada Episcopal congregation. Clergy must be canonically resident in the Diocese of Nevada.

- (b) The Function of the Chapter and its Relationship to the Vestry The mission and ministry of the Cathedral's parish congregation will continue to be governed by the Dean and Vestry in accordance with the Canons and its by-laws. The mission and ministry of the Cathedral to the Diocese and on behalf of the Diocese will be governed by the Bishop and Chapter. The use of space and resources to coordinate these missions and ministries in harmony will be accomplished by the collaboration of the Vestry and the Chapter

Section 7: This canonical amendment shall be effective retroactive to January 1, 2017

CANON XV

Ministry

Preamble: The following definitions are assumed in this Canon:

MINISTRY IS TO SERVE IN RESPONSE TO JESUS CHRIST, AND MEANS TO SHARE GOD'S GIFTS WITH ONE ANOTHER. EACH BAPTIZED MEMBER IS A MINISTER AND SHARES THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

MINISTRY IS EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (ACTS 2:1-4)

IT IS ENABLED BY GOD'S GIFTS. (1 CORINTHIANS 12; EPHESIANS 4)

IT IS AUTHORIZED BY CHRIST. (MATTHEW 28:18-20)

The congregation and Diocese working together are instruments through which the congregation and members are empowered, enabled, and authenticated for ministry.

Section 1: It shall be the duty of vestries of parish congregations and of members of other congregations to cooperate with the Ecclesiastical Authority to provide for the support of the total ministry of each congregation.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, in cooperation with vestries, congregations and Mission Districts, to authorize and support ways through which the services of priests and deacons are available in all congregations.

Section 3: The Diocesan Bishop, where a parish is without a rector, may appoint

particular clergy for the oversight and support in which case such clergy shall represent the Diocesan Bishop under the terms specified in their work and counsel with assigned congregations and clergy. Such clergy shall be ex-officio members of the Vestry of those congregations to which they are appointed.

- (a) The clergy and Vestry are expected to work and plan together. An annual review of the performance of both parties shall be a normal element of discipline in their cooperative endeavor.
- (b) The annual review referred to in this section shall be reported to the Diocesan Bishop within thirty (30) days of its completion.

Section 4:

- (a) A parish congregation meeting all its obligations and able to provide for a salary and benefits meeting diocesan standards for full-time employed clergy, may choose to call a rector, in which case the following apply:
 - (1) The vestry, in consultation with the Diocesan Bishop, shall elect the rector; a rector shall not be called without prior approval of the Diocesan Bishop in writing, or of the Standing Committee if there be no Diocesan Bishop.
 - (2) The vestry shall set forth terms of employment in a Letter of Agreement and the terms shall comply with all diocesan and Episcopal Church standards.
- (b)
 - (1) The rector and vestry are expected to work and plan together. An annual review of the performance of both parties shall be a normal element of discipline in their cooperative endeavor.
 - (2) The annual review referred to in this section shall be reported to the Diocesan Bishop within thirty (30) days of its completion.
- (c) The rector, duly called and installed, shall be ex-officio a member of the vestry with all rights of other members.
- (d) The provisions of Title III, Canon III.9.12 of the General Canons are hereby incorporated by reference for use in the event of an unresolved dispute between the rector and vestry.
- (e) Whenever the rectorship of a parish shall become vacant, it shall be the duty of the Warden to give immediate notice of such

vacancy to the Diocesan Bishop, who shall appoint a priest to fill the duties of the cure until a rector shall be elected, the cost thereof to be paid by the parish.

CANON XVI

Clergy Discipline

- Section 1: Those provisions of Title IV of the General Canons which are applicable to the Diocese are hereby incorporated as part of this Canon. To the extent that any of the provisions of this Canon are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of Title IV, the provisions of Title IV shall govern.
- Section 2: A member of the clergy, other than a Bishop, may be presented by trial in this Diocese upon the grounds set forth in Canon IV.1 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.
- Section 3: (a) Disciplinary proceedings under this canon are neither civil nor criminal but ecclesiastical.
- (b) (1) Except when ordered by the Disciplinary Board of this Diocese, or unless otherwise provided in this canon, all proceedings hereunder are confidential, except that the name of the Respondent under investigation and the matter under investigation may be disclosed to the Respondent and the persons whose services or testimony are necessary in connection with the proceedings. When requested by the Respondent, the hearing and the entire record and proceedings shall be made public.
- (2) When an investigation or formal proceeding concerns a subject matter which has become generally disseminated to the public and in which confidence in the Church, the proceedings or the sacred ministry may be jeopardized by strict adherence to the principles of confidentiality, the President of the Board may release to the public the fact that an investigation or proceeding is pending against a member of the clergy, the procedural aspects involved in such a proceeding, and the current status of the proceeding.
- (3) When it is determined by the Board that information secured during the course of any investigation or proceeding should, in the interest of justice, be released or disclosed to prosecuting or other public authorities, the President of the Board shall release to such prosecuting authorities or other public

officials any such information, facts or documents. When such information is disclosed, the Respondent shall be notified of such disclosure. Notice to the Respondent of the disclosure shall not be given when the agency requesting the information certifies in writing that:

- (a) The request is made in furtherance of an ongoing investigation into misconduct of the member of the clergy;
- (b) The information is essential to the investigation; and
- (c) Disclosure to the member of the clergy of the existence of the investigation would seriously prejudice that investigation.

(4) All participants in an investigation or proceeding shall conduct themselves so as to maintain the confidentiality mandated by this canon.

(5) Except in cases of dismissal, after a proceeding has become final and all appeals have either been exhausted or abandoned, the fact of the proceeding and the result thereof shall become public information.

Section 4: The provisions of Canons IV.6- 16 and Canon IV.18-20 of the General Canons are herewith incorporated by reference.

CANON XVII

Amendments and Citations

- Section 1:
- (a) These Canons may be altered or amended at any annual Convention by a majority vote of those present, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Secretary to Convention at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting of Convention upon which the amendment is to be acted.
 - (b) Upon receipt of any proposed amendment to these Canons within the time above specified, the Secretary to the Convention shall cause copies thereof to be sent to each parish entitled to representation in Convention, at least thirty (30) days prior to Convention.

- (c) These Canons and any amendments thereto subsequently adopted by the Convention of this Diocese shall take effect immediately on adoption.
- (d) Upon the adoption of any amendments to these Canons, it shall be the responsibility of the Chancellor of the Diocese and the committee on Canons, if one be appointed by the Diocesan Bishop, to edit the same to conform and renumber the titles, sections and subparagraphs as need. The Chancellor and the Committee shall also prepare an index and table of contents of these Canons, which shall be considered descriptive and not interpretive. Such editing and indexing shall be performed within sixty (60) days of the last day of the Convention and the edited Canons shall forthwith be submitted to the Secretary to Convention for distribution to all congregations in union or affiliated with the Diocese.

- Section 2:
- (a) These Canons shall be cited in the same manner as the Canons of the Episcopal Church. For example, this section shall be cited as "Canon XVII.2.a."
 - (b) These Canons may be cited by name or title. However, the names and titles are to be considered descriptive and not interpretive.

Certified as adopted by the Convention of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA, April 17, 1971.

/s/ William N. Wright
 BISHOP OF
 NEVADA

/s/ Carl N. Tamblyn
 SECRETARY OF CONVOCATION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to October 10, 1998.

Attest:

/s/ Stewart C. Zabriskie
 Stewart C. Zabriskie

BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Dorothy Walrath
DOROTHY WALRATH
SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 13, 2002.

Attest:

/s/ Katharine Jefferts Schori
The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/JoAnn Roberts Armstead
JoAnn Roberts Armstead
SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 11, 2003

Attest:

/s/ Katharine Jefferts Schori
The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ JoAnn Roberts Armstead
JoAnn Roberts Armstead
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 14, 2004

Attest:

/s/ Katharine Jefferts Schori
The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ JoAnn Roberts Armstead
JoAnn Roberts Armstead
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 8, 2005.

Attest:

/s/ Katharine Jefferts Schori
The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Joann Roberts Armstead
JoAnn Roberts Armstead
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 7, 2006.

Attest:

/s/ Katharine Jefferts Schori
The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Joann Roberts Armstead
JoAnn Roberts Armstead
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 26, 2008.

Attest:

/s/ Dan T. Edwards

The Rt. Rev. Dan T. Edwards
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Betty-Jeanne Cousins
Betty-Jeanne Cousins
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA
up to October 16, 2011.

Attest:

/s/ Dan T. Edwards
The Rt. Rev. Dan T. Edwards
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Betty-Jeanne Cousins
Betty-Jeanne Cousins
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the Diocese of Nevada up to
October 12, 2012.

Attest:

/s/ Dan T. Edwards
The Rt. Rev. Dan T. Edwards
BISHOP OF NEVADA

/s/ Dorothy Walrath
Dorothy Walrath
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION

Certified as amended by Subsequent Conventions of the DIOCESE OF NEVADA up to
October 7, 2017.

Attest:

The Rt. Rev. Dan T. Edwards
BISHOP OF NEVADA

Carol Moore
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION