



**Regarding Rules of Order
for
The 2021 Election of a Bishop Coadjutor
for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina**

Proposed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese and referred to the Diocesan Convention.

Whereas *CANON XXXI* of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina provides the normal Rules of Order for the conduct of a Diocesan Convention and,

Whereas Rules 22 and 23 allow for the normal Rules of Order to be suspended with a 2/3rds vote of the members present,

And **Whereas** the electing convention for a Bishop Coadjutor is procedurally different, requiring a modification of the customary Rules of Order, therefore it is

Resolved, that solely for the meeting of the Diocesan Convention held October 16, 2021, the rules of Canon XXXI be suspended and the following rules be adopted for this convention only.

Proposed Rules of Order
Electing Convention – October 16, 2021

Rule 1. The service for the opening of the Convention shall be at the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop (President of the Convention), and shall be closed with appropriate prayers, offered by the President.

Rule 2. The Rules of Order for the Conduct of the Election on this day shall be those adopted by the Convention and the only business to be conducted this day shall be the election of a Bishop Coadjutor.

Rule 3. In keeping with normal diocesan convention practice, non-parochial clergy who are canonically resident in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and have registered to attend this convention will be granted seat, voice and vote.

Rule 4. The Credentials Committee, appointed by the President of the Convention, shall report on those present for the conduct of the election and whether at least 2/3rds of clergy and congregations entitled to vote are present.

Rule 5. The Secretary of Convention shall read Article VI, Section 2 of the Diocesan Constitution, designating the required voting for an Episcopal election

ARTICLE VI
Of Deliberating and Voting in Convention

Section 1. On all questions coming before the Convention, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body, unless a separate vote by Orders be demanded as below provided. Immediately prior to the putting of the question to be voted upon, the President shall inquire whether there be objection to voting as one body;

whereupon, upon demand by any two clergymen or by any two Deputies from separate churches, a separate vote of each Order shall be had; in such case the clergy shall vote individually and the Lay Deputies by churches (a majority from each Parish having one vote and each mission having one-half vote). A majority vote of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

Section 2. In the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop, the vote shall be by ballot, and by Orders, a concurrent majority of the two Orders being necessary to a choice; PROVIDED, that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote and two-thirds of all the churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds of the vote of each Order present shall be necessary to determine a choice.

The Chancellor will then give his interpretation of how that Article will be applied in this election.

REGARDING THE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:

Rule 6. After the Convention has been declared organized the **order of proceedings shall be:**

- (1) The President of the Convention shall appoint a Parliamentarian and may appoint if he deems necessary an assistant Secretary or Secretaries to assist in the voting process.
- (2) The President may appoint such other committees as he deems necessary.
 - a. Other special reports to convention may be called for by the President of the Convention at his discretion in the working agenda.
- (3) The communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese and the Search Committee presenting the nominees in consideration for election as Bishop Coadjutor. There will be no nominations from the floor.
- (4) The President shall bid the Convention to prayer, after which balloting shall begin.
- (5) Balloting for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, in compliance with Article VI, Section 2 and as further described below.
- (6) Upon successful completion of an election, the President of the Standing Committee shall have the responsibility of notifying the newly elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese. The Chair of the Search Committee shall inform the other nominees of the outcome.

THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL DIRECT THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS ON THIS DAY:

Rule 7. Voting will be by electronic polling and at the direction of the President.

(a) In voting electronically, by Orders, the Clergy shall vote simultaneously first and their votes tallied and reported FIRST, and immediately thereupon the Churches shall be simultaneously polled and their votes tallied and reported.

(b) When the votes are electronically tallied they are reported to the President, who announces it to the assembly. The President announces the result of the vote, in a manner similar to the following: "The whole number of votes cast is __; the number necessary for an election is __; Nominee A received __: Nominee B received __: Nominee C received __. Mr. B, having received the required number is elected --".

(c) Voting will continue until such time as the number required by Article VI, Sec. 2 of the Constitution is achieved.

Rule 8. No name in nomination may be withdrawn during the conduct of a ballot. Before balloting begins or between ballots a nominee may have his name withdrawn by communicating that request to the President of the Standing Committee, who will so advise the President of the Convention. In such case the name will be automatically withdrawn and the members of the Convention so advised.

Rule 9. After Balloting begins and prior to the election of a Bishop, no members should be recognized for any purposed except (a) to move to suspend the balloting temporarily, (b) to move to recess the Convention or (c) to move to adjourn. A member desiring recognition shall first go forward and state to the President the purpose for which he desires recognition.

Rule 10. Upon the completion of a ballot, unless some member is recognized for the purpose of making a motion permitted under Rule 8 above, the President may declare a recess and call the Convention back to order when the Convention is prepared to proceed.

Rule 11. In the event there is no election on the 16th of October, the President will declare the Convention in recess to be reconvened at the discretion of the President.

Rule 12. After the election of a Bishop, no motion to recess or adjourn shall be in order until every member present has had the opportunity to sign the requisite testimonial (which must be signed by a constitutional majority in keeping with Article VI, Sec. 2).

Rule 13. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Convention the President shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately be silent, unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President, but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

Rule 14. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the chair, but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

Rule 15. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Rule 16. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings for this Convention except as otherwise provided by the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and by these Rules of Order.



**Testimonial of Delegates
for
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for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina**

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend _____ ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office.

We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend _____ to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) October 16, 2021

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