

2014 Canonical Resolution C-1 Submitted by the Executive Board

Resolution to amend Canon VII (Finance), Section 4:

SECTION 4 Audits.

~~(a)~~ (a) All financial accounts of Diocesan organizations (parishes, missions, and other Diocesan institutions) shall be audited or examined at the close of each year. Organizations with income of \$650,000 or over shall be audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant; ~~provided, however, that if the amount of income for the year as shown by the account shall be less than one hundred thousand dollars, the audit may be made by an independent.~~ Organizations with income under \$650,000 may have an audit or examination by a person or persons other than a CPA. The examination may be by an accountant, an audit committee, or a person approved by the Diocese. All audits/examinations not performed by CPA's shall follow the guidelines in the *Manual for Business Methods in Church Affairs*.

~~(b)~~ (b) The financial accounts of the Diocese shall be audited at the close of each year by a certified public accountant named by the Executive Board.

~~(c)~~ (c) All Parishes and Missions, and all other institutions affiliated with the Diocese, shall provide the Diocese with a copy of the annual audit report or a letter from an independent accountant summarizing the annual audit report not later than 30 days following the date of such report, and, in any event, not later than September 1 of each year, covering the financial reports of the previous calendar year.

~~(d)~~ (d) The Treasurer shall report to the Bishop and the Council all Parishes, Missions and other institutions affiliated with the Diocese failing to provide the annual audit report.

~~(e)~~ (e) Upon the departure of a rector, vicar, or clergy-in-charge of a congregation, an audit of all accounts of the congregation shall be prepared at the direction of the vestry, conforming to the accounting practices set forth in the Manual of Finance and Administration of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. This audit shall be made available to the Interim Priest and candidates interviewing for the vacant position.

(f) Parishes will not be eligible for grants from the Diocese until the preceding two calendar year's audit reports have been provided to the Diocese. Grants include clergy continuing education, lay continuing education, small church emergency maintenance, Seeds of Hope, mission initiative grants, communication grants, and any other new grants established by the Diocese.

Rationale: The Diocese recognizes that CPA audits and reviews may be costly, even to relatively well-off parishes, and prohibitive to parishes with limited means. Therefore, the Executive Board proposes that only the most affluent parishes – income at or above \$650,000 – must have a CPA audit or review. All others may choose a method of examining their books consistent with good practices outlined in Manual for Business Methods in Church Affairs.

The amended Canon also provides for consequences for failure to submit the annual Audit Report.

Parish audits are vital to the health of both the parish and the Diocese. They are a valid measure of both our spiritual well-being as the Body of Christ and our financial situation.

2014 Canonical Resolution C-2
Submitted by The Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions

Resolution to amend Canon XIII (Status of Parishes and Missions), Section 2:

SECTION 2 Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions.

There shall be a Committee on Status of Parishes and Missions composed of ~~three~~ a minimum of 6 people, at least two members of the clergy and ~~three lay~~ at least two members of the laity, nominated by the Bishop and elected annually by the Council who shall serve from the adjournment of one Annual Council to the adjournment of the next, and who shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, shall declare any changes in the status of congregations which do not require Council action. The Chairperson of the Committee shall notify the Secretary of the Diocese immediately of any change in the official status of congregations.

Rationale: Increasing the number of members composing this committee allows for a broader and more diverse representation of the Diocese in terms of the size and geographical location of committee members' congregations. In the recent past, having equal representation from both clergy and laity has not been deemed necessary. Membership on the committee should be based more upon interest and a calling to serve rather than orders.



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**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES
FROM THE 77TH GENERAL CONVENTION**
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PROPOSED REVISION TO BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The following resolution shall be read by the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention preceding the final vote at the 78th General Convention in 2015, such reading to be certified by the Diocesan Convention with the Secretary of the General Convention.

A059: Revise BCP for Revised Common Lectionary

Resolved, That the Standard Book of Common Prayer shall be revised as follows:

p.271: Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms

Year A: Matthew 21:1-11

Year B: ~~Mark 11:1-11a~~ *Mark 11:1-11, or John 12:12-16*

Year C: ~~Luke 19:29-40~~ *Luke 19:28-40*

p. 272: Palm Sunday, At the Eucharist

Old Testament: ~~Isaiah 45:21-25, or Isaiah 52:13-53:12~~ *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Psalms: ~~22:1-21, or 22:1-11~~ *31:9-16*

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

p. 273: Palm Sunday, At the Eucharist

Year A: ~~Matthew 26:36-27:54(55-66) or 27:1-54(55-66)~~ *Matthew 26:14-27:66, or 27:11-54*

Year B: ~~Mark 14:32-15:39(40-47)~~ *Mark 14:1-15:47, or 15:1-39 (40-47)*

Year C: ~~Luke 22:39-23:49(50-56)~~ *Luke 22:14-23:56, or 23:1-49 (50-56)*

p. 274: Maundy Thursday

Old Testament: ~~Exodus 12:1-14a~~ *Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14*

Psalms: ~~78:14-20, 23-25~~ *116:1,10-17 (omit Hallelujah in verse 17)*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (~~27-32~~)

Gospel: ~~John 13:1-15, or Luke 22:14-30~~ *John 13:1-17,31b-35*

p. 276: Good Friday

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13–53:12, ~~or Genesis 22:1–18, or Wisdom 2:1, 12–24~~

Psalms: ~~22:1–11(12–21), or 40:1–14, or 69:1–23~~

Epistle: ~~Hebrews 10:1–25~~ *Hebrews 10:16–25, or 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

p. 277: Good Friday

John ~~18:1–19:37, or 19:1–37~~

John 18:1–19:42

p. 283: Holy Saturday

Old Testament: Job 14:1–14, *or Lamentations 3:1–9, 19–24*

Psalms: ~~130, or 31:1–5~~ *31:1–4, 15–16*

Epistle: I Peter 4:1–8

Gospel: Matthew 27:57–66, *or John 19:38–42*

pp. 288–295: The Great Vigil of Easter:

p. 288: The story of Creation

~~Genesis 1:1–2:2~~

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

~~Psalms 33:1–11, or Psalm 36:5–10~~ *136:1–9, 23–26*

p. 288: The Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalms 46

p. 289: Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1–18

~~Psalms 33:12–22, or~~

Psalms 16

p. 289: Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

~~Exodus 14:10–15:1~~

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses

p. 290: God's Presence in a renewed Israel

~~Isaiah 4:2-6~~

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4, or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

~~Psalm 122~~

Psalm 19

p. 290: Salvation offered freely to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah, ~~or Psalm 42:1-7~~

p. 290: A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28

~~Psalm 42:1-7, or Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah~~

Psalms 42 and 43

p. 291: The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

~~Psalm 30, or~~

Psalm 143

p. 291: The gathering of God's people

~~Zephaniah 3:12-20~~

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm 98, ~~or Psalm 126~~

p. 295: At the Eucharist

Gospel: *Year A* Matthew 28:1-10

Year B: Mark 16:1-8

Year C: Luke 24:1-12