

THE CONSTITUTION

(Sections 1 and 2 removed)

(Section 3[1] to 3[8] removed)

3. Lay Members of Synod

(9) Lay Membership Return

- (a) Within ten (10) days after the election of the Lay Members the Incumbent or in the absence of an Incumbent the Chairperson of the meeting shall send to the Secretary of Synod a certificate of such election in the form following:-

"This is to certify that at a meeting of the Vestry or Designated Ministry ofChurch, in the Parish of held on the day of 20.... the following who is (are), a Communicant (Communicants) of at least one year's standing, of the full age of sixteen (16) years, not in Holy Orders, and who has (have) Communicated at least three (3) times during the twelve (12) months preceding such election, was (were) elected a Lay Member (Members) of the Sessions of Synod by those entitled to vote at such election."

- (b) The Secretary of Synod shall forward the names of the Lay Members contained in these certificates to the Honorary Secretaries to be printed included in the Convening circular of the Sessions of Synod, a copy of which shall be made available to be accessed by mailed to each member of the Synod.
- (c) A list of the Lay Members shall also be prepared for the Committee on Credentials and for the Court on Contested Seats

(Sections 3[10] to 3[16] removed)

(14) Members Elected by more than one Vestry or Designated Ministry

- (a) If a member be elected by more than one (1) Vestry or Designated Ministry, such member shall be notified thereof forthwith by the Secretary of Synod. Such member shall within thirty (30) days of the mailing sending of such notice by mail or courier signify advise the Secretary of Synod in writing which congregation or Designated Ministry that member wishes to represent, and the Secretary of Synod shall in turn inform the Incumbent of the Parish where the vacancy occurs, of such vacancy, in order that a new election may be held.
- (b) In case such Lay Member fails to make a selection and to signify it as required, all the elections of such member shall be void, and the Secretary of Synod shall forthwith notify the Incumbent of each of the Parishes or Designated Ministry concerned to proceed to hold a new election.

(15) New Election

In case a Lay Member dies, resigns or removes from the Diocese, or is in any way disqualified, the seat of such member shall be vacated thereby and the first named sSubstitute Lay Member, if one has been elected, shall automatically become a fully qualified Lay Member. If no Substitute Lay Member has been elected, a special meeting of the Vestry of the Congregation or Designated Ministry which such Lay Member represented may be called to elect a successor.

(Section 3[16] removed)

(17) Youth and Young Adult Members

In addition to the Lay Members elected and appointed in accordance with this section, the Bishop may appoint as a Lay Member of Synod for each Area, nominated by each Area Council, ~~five (5)~~ **two (2)** members between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21), and ~~five (5)~~ **two (2)** members between the ages of twenty-two (22) and thirty (30). For the purpose of this section these shall be additional qualifications to those set out in s. 3(1) such members must not have attained the age of 30 years at the time of appointment.

(Section 3[18] removed).

4. List of Members

- (1) At least one **(1)** month before a Session of Synod the Bishop shall furnish to the Honorary Secretaries of the **Session of** Synod for publication in the Convening Circular and Synod Journal, a complete list of the Clergy on the Clergy List of the Diocese ~~with post office addresses~~, indicating into which of the categories set forth in **section s. 2** of ~~the~~ Constitution each such Cleric should be placed, and the Secretary of Synod shall furnish to the Honorary Secretaries of the **Session of** Synod for the same purpose the list of the Lay Members as given in the Certificates of Election received, together with a list of those Parishes and Congregations:-
 - (a) for which no Certificates of Election of Lay Members have been received,
 - (b) in which there has been default in the matter of return required to be made to the **Session of** Synod.
- (2) The last-mentioned list shall be subject to revision from time to time by the Secretary of Synod.
- (3) Honorary Secretaries shall print in the Convening Circular, and also in the Synod Journal, the names of the said Clergy, and also the names of the Lay Members which appear in the Certificates of Election.
- (4) The Honorary Secretaries shall indicate the Parishes and Congregations in default and the names of the Clergy and Lay Members whose seats in the **Sessions of** Synod and the right of election to Committees of **the Sessions of** Synod are affected by such default, in such manner as they see fit in order to draw attention to the default and the disability attaching thereto.

5. Disqualification

- (1) No Cleric shall be entitled to take a seat in a Session of ~~the~~ Synod if such Cleric has failed to comply with the provisions of Canon 9, **Sections s. 11** and 12, if applicable.
- (2) No Lay Member shall be entitled to take a seat in a Session of ~~the~~ Synod if the Churchwardens of the congregation represented by such member have failed to comply with the provision of Canon 15, **Section s. 4(9)**.

6. Committee on Credentials

The Chancellor and the Secretary of Synod shall examine certificates and statistical and other returns, and shall prepare and submit to the Synod on the first day of its Session **of Synod** the list of Clergy and Lay Members entitled by the provisions of ~~the~~ Constitution and Canons to sit and vote in **the Session of** Synod. They shall report to the Court on Contested Seats, upon any irregularities in connection with these or other matters that may affect the right of any Clerical or Lay Member to a seat in the **Session of** Synod.

7. Court on Contested Seats

- (1) There shall be a Court to be known as the Court on Contested Seats composed of the Chancellor of the Diocese, or in the absence of the Chancellor, the Registrar of the Diocese, together with two (2) Clerical and four (4) Lay Members appointed by the Bishop under the Bishop's hand and seal prior to the first day of a Session of ~~the~~ Synod. This Court shall consider all protests as to the right of persons to sit and speak, or to sit and vote in the Session of ~~the~~ Synod, and adjudicate thereon. The judgment of the Court shall be announced to the Session of ~~the~~ Synod on the first day thereof, and shall be final.

- (2) The members of the court on Contested Seats who are appointed by the Bishop shall be persons against whose right to sit and vote in a ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod no protests have been received for that particular session. In case neither the Chancellor nor the Registrar is able, from any cause, to act, the Bishop shall appoint another member of the court but the right of such temporary appointee to act as a member of the Court shall cease when either the Chancellor or the Registrar is again able to act.
- (3) The Chancellor, or in the absence of the Chancellor, the Registrar, shall be Chairperson of the Court, and the Secretary of Synod, or other Synod official, shall be the Clerk of the Court. In case of the absence of both the Chancellor and the Registrar, the Court shall elect a Chairperson.
- (4) The Court shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, after the receipt of the report of the Committee on Credentials.
- (5) Members of the Court shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

8. Right of Protest

- (1) Any member of the Church may object to the right of any person whose name appears in the list of Lay Members of ~~the a Sessions of~~ Synod, elected by a Vestry or Designated Ministry, to take a seat in a ~~s~~Session of Synod, provided that such objector is a member of the Vestry or Designated Ministry which such person claims to represent, and makes the objection together with the grounds thereof, in writing to the Secretary of Synod within twenty days after the election of such Lay Member.
- (2) On receipt of the objection, the Secretary of Synod shall forthwith send notice thereof by registered letter to the person whose right to a seat in the ~~s~~Session of Synod is contested. The Secretary of Synod shall also enter the name of such person and particulars of the objection in a list of protests, for the use of the Court on Contested Seats.
- (3) If such objection is withdrawn prior to its consideration by the Court on Contested Seats, the Secretary of Synod shall thereupon send notice by registered letter to the person whose right to a seat in the ~~s~~Session of Synod is contested, such notice to be sent to the address given in the return.
- (4) Objection may be taken at any time during a ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod to any person sitting and speaking or sitting ~~or~~ ~~and~~ voting in the same who is not entitled thereto.

9. Vacancy in See

- (1) If a vacancy occurs in the See, and there be no Coadjutor Bishop, the Suffragan Bishop(s) in order of seniority, the Dean, or the Senior Archdeacon present and able to act, shall summon ~~a meeting an Electoral Session of the of the Clergy and Lay Members in~~ Synod to elect a successor in the See; such meeting shall be held on a day to be fixed by the Diocesan Council of the Synod, not earlier than one (1) week nor later than four (4) weeks after the occurrence of such vacancy.
- (2) The summons shall be issued as soon as conveniently possible after the announcement, by the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province, of the date of the occurrence of the vacancy, but not later than three (3) weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting.
- (3) Not less than six (6) months prior to attaining the full age of seventy years, the Bishop, the Coadjutor Bishop or a Suffragan Bishop, shall tender a resignation to the Metropolitan, pursuant to Canon 3(4) of the Provincial Synod of Ontario, to take effect not later than the end of the month in which the age of seventy is attained and shall inform the Diocesan Council of such action.
- (4) A Bishop having attained the full age of sixty-five (65) years may, if such Bishop so desires, resign and receive a pension in accordance with Section 13(6) of the Constitution.

10. Election of a Bishop

- (1) Nominations
 - (a) A Nominations Committee, consisting of three (3) Clerical ~~Members of a Sessions of Synod~~ and three (3) Lay Members ~~of the a Sessions of~~ Synod, shall be appointed by the Chancellor.
 - (b) One (1) written nomination for the office of Bishop may be made by any ~~m~~Member of ~~the a Sessions of~~ Synod, who may submit the same to the Nominations Committee at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of ~~the Electoral Session of~~ Synod. Any individual receiving ten (10) or more nominations will be placed on the ballot.

- (c) All nominations shall be circulated to all ~~m~~Members of the Session of Synod at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the said Synod, together with biographical material on each nominee, including age, academic background, date of ordination, all ecclesiastical appointments, and other relevant qualifications and experience.
 - (d) Further nominations may be made to the Nominations Committee at any time until an election is completed. Any individual receiving ten (10) or more nominations will be placed on the ballot. Biographical material will be furnished at the discretion of the Nominations Committee where possible.
- (2) Election
- A Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting by ~~e~~Orders by ballot in the following manner:
- (a) A majority of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice, provided at least one-half of the Clergy Clerical Members of an Electoral Session of Synod and at least one-half of the Lay Members of an Electoral Session of Synod, entitled to vote are present and vote.
 - (b) If fewer than one-half of the Clergy Clerical Members of an Electoral Session of Synod or fewer than one-half of the Lay Members of an Electoral Session of the Synod entitled to vote are present and vote, a Cleric must secure two-thirds of the votes validly cast of each such group that is deficient, in order to be elected.
 - (c) If, after twelve (12) successive ballots have been ~~had~~ conducted at any one election, and no cleric has been elected as provided in subsection (a) and (b) herein, a further ballot shall be taken and the percentage of the Clergy Clerical Members of an Electoral Session of Synod voting thereat for each Cleric shall be added to the percentage of the Lay Members of an Electoral Session of Synod voting thereat for the same Cleric, and the Cleric who obtains the highest total of percentages shall be declared elected.

11. Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop

- (1) Whenever the Bishop of the Diocese, shall, in writing, signify to the Diocesan Council of the ~~s~~Synod that the Bishop is desirous of having the assistance of a Coadjutor Bishop, the Diocesan Council shall give notice of such request at the next Session of ~~the~~ Synod. If the Synod concurs ~~in~~ with the Bishop's request, the election of such Coadjutor Bishop shall be proceeded with at such time and place as shall be determined by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan Council.
- (2) Whenever the Bishop of the Diocese, shall, in writing, signify to the Diocesan Council of the Synod that the Bishop is desirous of having the assistance of a ~~s~~Suffragan Bishop or Bishops, the Diocesan Council shall consider the request and, if approved, the election shall be proceeded with at such time and place as shall be determined by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan Council.
- (3) An election of a Coadjutor and/or Suffragan Bishop or Bishops shall be conducted in the same manner as in the case of election of a Bishop of the Diocese.
- (4) A Coadjutor Bishop shall without further election become and be the Bishop of the Diocese whenever any vacancy occurs in the See.
- (5) A Suffragan Bishop, on a vacancy occurring in the See shall not become Bishop of the Diocese unless thereto duly elected.
- (6) When a Coadjutor Bishop or a Suffragan Bishop is elected and consecrated, such Bishop shall exercise all powers, privileges and authority in subordination to the Bishop of the Diocese.

(Section 12 removed)

13. Episcopal Stipends

- (1) The stipends of the Bishops shall be determined by the Diocesan Council of the Synod from time to time.
- (2) The income for these stipends shall be derived from the following sources:
 - (a) Interest on the capital of the Episcopal Endowment Fund.
 - (b) Grants for this purpose from any other fund or funds.
 - (c) The diocesan budget.

- (3) The Bishop of the Diocese shall have the free use and occupation of the See House, and all proper charges there against for taxes, local improvement rates, insurance and necessary repairs shall be paid out of the diocesan budget.
- (4) All necessary travelling expenses incurred by the Bishops in the performance of their official duties, within the Diocese, shall be paid out of the diocesan budget. Policies with respect to other necessary expenses by any of the Bishops shall be fixed from time to time by the Diocesan Council of the Synod.
- (5) The income of the Episcopal Endowment Fund shall be administered by the Diocesan Council of the Synod through the Executive Board.
- (6) Upon the resignation of the Bishop or the Coadjutor Bishop or a Suffragan Bishop becoming effective, such Bishop shall thereafter be paid for the balance of the Bishop's life such amount, if any, in each year as shall, when added to the pension received by such Bishop from the Pension Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada and from any other comparable source (as determined by the Pension Committee), provide a total annual pension in an amount equal to thirty percent of the annual stipend of such Bishop at the time of resignation plus an amount equal to one percent thereof for each completed year of episcopal service in the Diocese of Toronto.
Upon the death of any such Bishop leaving a spouse, such spouse shall thereafter be paid so long as that spouse shall live and so long as that spouse does not remarry, a total annual pension of sixty percent of the amount of pension which the Bishop was receiving, or would have been entitled to receive, had such Bishop resigned as of the date of the Bishop's death. Each such pension shall be paid in the first instance from the Pension Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada and any balance of such pension shall be paid out of the Diocesan budget. This shall apply retrospectively, not only to the present Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto, but also to all retired Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto and to the widows of all retired Bishops of the Diocese of Toronto.

(Section 14 removed)

15. Execution of Documents

- (1) All documents requiring execution under the Common Seal of the Synod, except such documents where the manner of execution is prescribed by Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, shall be executed by the Bishop of the Diocese as President of ~~the~~ Synod causing the Common Seal to be affixed and attesting thereto by the Bishop's signature and by the signature of the Secretary of Synod attesting thereto.
- (2) In the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese (no Administrator having been appointed under Section s. 12 of the Constitution), the Coadjutor Bishop, if any, or the Suffragan Bishops, in order of seniority shall have power to sign for the President and affix the Common Seal.
- (3) In the absence of all of the Bishops mentioned in sub-section s. 15(2) above, a Bishop's Commissary appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese under Seal shall have power to sign for the President and affix the Common Seal.
- (4) In the absence of the Secretary of Synod the documents referred to in sub-section s. 15(1) above shall be signed by the Treasurer and Director of Finance of the Diocese or by each of the Honorary Clerical Secretary and the Honorary Lay Secretary.
- (5) Documents sealed and attested in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing subsections shall be deemed for all purposes to have been executed by The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and the signature of any of the persons referred to in sub-sections s. 15(2) to 15(4) inclusive on any document shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of such person to affix the Common Seal to and attest such document.
- (6) All deeds, leases, mortgages and other assurances of land shall be approved by the Solicitor of the Synod, or such other Barrister or Solicitor, licensed to practice law in the Province of Ontario, as designated by the Bishop, Diocesan Council or Secretary of Synod for such purpose, in writing before they are executed by the Bishop and Officers of a Sessions of the Synod, and no covenant for payment by the Synod shall be inserted in any mortgage without the consent of the Diocesan Council of the Synod.

16. Consent of Bishop

- (1) No act or resolution of the Synod shall be valid without the assent of the Bishop, or of the Coadjutor Bishop or of a Suffragan Bishop when presiding, and a majority of the votes of the members present. Such majority to be a majority of the Clerical and Lay Members of the Session of Synod voting collectively unless a vote by Orders is demanded (see Rules of Order No. 15 s. 38(13)). If a difference should be found to exist between the Orders after a vote by Orders is taken the subject under consideration shall stand over to the next Regular Session of the Synod. This section, so far as it requires the assent of the Bishop, shall not apply to the Election of a Bishop.
- (2) In case of dissent by the Bishop, or of the Coadjutor Bishop, or a Suffragan Bishop when presiding, the matter shall stand over to the next Regular Session of the Synod when, if the act or resolution is concurred in by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Synod, voting collectively, it shall become effective.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF A SESSION OF THE SYNOD

17. Honorary Secretaries of the Sessions of Synod

- (1) There shall be two (2) Honorary Secretaries of each Session of the Synod; one of each Order, both Members of the Synod; the Honorary Clerical Secretary shall be elected by Clerical Members of the Session of Synod entitled to sit and vote therein, and the Honorary Lay Secretary by Lay Members of the Session of Synod. They shall hold office until the Regular Session of the Synod following that at which they were elected, or until their successors are elected.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretaries to keep regular minutes of the proceedings of the Sessions of the Synod; to preserve all papers, memorials and documents pertaining to the session; to conduct the correspondence and attest the public acts of the sessions; to furnish daily during the session, as may be necessary, a summary of the unfinished business, and to deliver all records and documents to the Registrar of the Diocese.
- (3) The Honorary Secretaries shall be responsible for the printing of all notices, reports, minutes of proceedings, and other matters relating to a Session of the Synod. Arrangements for such printing shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- (4) The Honorary Secretaries so elected shall be the Honorary Secretaries of the Sessions of Synod for the purposes set forth in 52 Vict., Cap 97.
- (5) When deemed advisable, an assistant Honorary Secretary of each order may be elected in accordance with the procedure outline in Section s. (1) above. The Honorary Secretaries may delegate to the Assistant Honorary Secretaries any of the duties enumerated in this section.

18. Scrutineers

Prior to each Session of the Synod, the Diocesan Council of the Synod shall elect from among the Members of Synod, a Cleric Clerical Member of the Session of Synod and Lay Person a Lay Member of the Session of Synod to act as Scrutineers. It shall be the duty of the Scrutineers to appoint suitable persons to assist them with the tasks of monitoring the registration of the members; the balloting; and the counting of the ballots.

19. Agenda Committee

At the first meeting of the Diocesan Council following a Regular Session of the Synod, it shall appoint an Agenda Committee, consisting of the Honorary Secretaries and not less than three (3) other members, which shall prepare an agenda for the succeeding session Sessions of Synod and submit the same to the Diocesan Council of the Synod.

20. Reception Committee

On the first day of each Regular Session of Synod, the Synod shall appoint a Reception Committee. It shall be the duty of the Reception Committee to make the necessary arrangement for the introducing of visitors to the Synod.

21. Nominations Nominating Committee

- (1) At the first meeting of the Diocesan Council following a ~~r~~Regular ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod, it shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of eight (8) members, four (4) from each ~~e~~Order. It shall be the duty of this committee:-
 - (a) To receive nominations for all Standing Committees~~s~~ from such committees and from ~~m~~Members of Synod.
 - (b) To review such nominations and to prepare ballots for those committees whose membership is to be elected by the Diocesan Council and a list of nominations for the committees whose members are to be elected by Synod.
 - (c) The list of such nominations shall be reviewed by the Diocesan Council and the names of nominees who have not been canonically disqualified shall be ~~mailed~~ included in the ~~Convening Circular for~~ to all members of Synod at least fourteen days prior to the next ~~r~~Regular ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod.
- (2) For those committees, the members of which are to be elected by the Diocesan Council, balloting shall take place at the meeting of the Diocesan Council next following the ~~r~~Regular ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod.
- (3) Members of Synod may make written nominations at any time of the year for any Standing Committee of Synod provided that each nomination shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod not later than 2:30 p.m. of that day which is seven (7) days prior to the opening day of Synod, at such other time or times as may be determined by the Diocesan Council, at which time nominations shall close.
- (4) Any nominee wishing to withdraw from any election shall notify the Secretary of Synod not later than the times set forth in ~~subsection s. 21~~(3) above for the close of nominations.

22. Elections of Synod

- (1) Ballot papers shall be given to ~~m~~Members of Synod at the time of registration.
- (2) Completed ballots may be placed in the ballot boxes at any time during the first day of Synod – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at such other time or times as may be determined by the Diocesan Council.
- (3) Ballot boxes shall be conveniently located and announcements made as to their locations.
- (4) Ballot papers shall be prepared under the direction of the Honorary Secretaries and only such ballots shall be accepted and counted by the Scrutineers. On the ballots for all committees, nominees shall be listed in alphabetical order followed by the name of the parish or special category as shown in ~~Section s. 2~~ and ~~Section s. 3~~ (16) of ~~t~~The ~~e~~Constitution.
- (5) The Scrutineers shall hand over the ballot papers to the Honorary Secretaries, whose duty ~~it~~ shall be to preserve them until the close of the ~~s~~Session of ~~the~~ Synod, and to see that they are then destroyed.
- (6) The above instructions shall not apply to Episcopal Elections.
- (7) Instructions to Voters:-
 - (a) Members of Synod shall be entitled to vote for the number of Clerical and Lay Members of the Diocesan Council in the manner prescribed by the Canons.
 - (b) General and Provincial Synod:- The ~~Clergy~~ Clerical Members of ~~the~~ a Session of Synod are entitled to vote for the prescribed number of Clerical ~~m~~Members of General Synod, and the ~~Lait~~ Lay Members of ~~the~~ a Session of Synod for the prescribed number of Lay ~~m~~Members of General Synod.
 - (c) Voters shall place a cross (thus: X) opposite the name of each ~~candidate~~ nominee for whom they desire to vote.
 - (d) Ballot papers with crosses opposite the names of more ~~candidates~~ nominees than the number required to be elected, shall be regarded as spoiled and shall not be counted.

Note: The above instructions (c) and (d) shall be printed on the front of each ballot, and the other instructions on the ballots to which they apply.

(Sections 23 and 24 removed)

25. Quorum

A quorum of a sSession of Synod shall consist of not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the Clergy Clerical Members of the Session of Synod entitled to sit and vote in the Synod and not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the Lay Members of the Session of Synod who registered in accordance with Section s. 23 of tThe Constitution.

26. Presiding Officer

The Bishop shall be Chairperson of a sSession of the Synod. If the Bishop be absent, and has not named a Deputy Chairperson, the Synod shall elect one.

27. Prayers for a Session of the Synod

~~During one month prior to a session each shall at the Sunday Services use the form of prayer to be found in the Prayer Book, for the Divine Blessing on the proceedings of the Session of the Synod.~~

(Sections will be renumbered accordingly from this point forward.)

28. Synod Services

The order of proceedings after the assembly of Synod for business shall be as follows, unless varied by the Agenda Committee with the consent of the Bishop:-

- (1) Election of Honorary Secretaries
- (2) Reading, correcting and approving of minutes of previous sessions
- (3) Appointing sessional Committees
- (4) Delivery by the Bishop of the Bishop's Charge
- (5) Presenting, reading and referring of memorials, petitions and correspondence
- (6) Presenting reports
- (7) Giving notices of motion
- (8) Reading and consideration of the reports of Standing Committees
- (9) Reading and consideration of nominations
- (10) Reading and consideration of Reports of the General Synod as required by Canon of the General Synod
- (11) The consideration of reports of Committees, and of all motions which in the judgment of the Diocesan Council are of special importance, shall take precedence over all other motions, provided that motions of which notice have been given in the Convening Circular shall have precedence of over all other business on the Third Day last day of the sessions.

29. Order of Business

On the first day of a sSession of Synod there shall be held a Service of Holy Communion for the mMembers of Synod and during the session there shall be held such other services as the Bishop may direct.

30. Hours of Meeting

The Synod shall meet for business at 9:30 a.m. on each day or at such other times as the Synod may determine a time to be established by Diocesan Council, on the recommendation of the Agenda Committee, no less than sixty (60) days before a Regular Session of the Synod and no less than one (1) week before an Electoral Session of the Synod. In default of the establishment of such a time, the Session of Synod shall commence at 9:30 a.m. and each sitting shall be opened with prayers chosen for the occasion by the Bishop.

31. Evening Sitting

Should an evening sitting of the Synod be necessary, notice thereof shall be given by the Bishop, or other person presiding, not later than 5:00 p.m. (five o'clock) of the same day, or shall be given in the Convening Circular.

32. Minutes of a Session of the Synod

- (1) At each sSession of the Synod, the Honorary Secretaries, (or one of them), of the last preceding session, or someone on their behalf, shall submit for adoption three printed copies of the mMinutes of the proceedings of the last preceding session. On the adoption of the mMinutes so printed, with such corrections as may be made thereto, the said copies shall be authenticated by affixing thereto the Common Seal attested by the signatures of the Bishop (as President of the Synod) and of the Honorary Secretaries for the time being.
- (2) One of the above copies shall be deposited with the Bishop, one of with the Registrar of the Diocese, and one with the Secretary of Synod and any one of these copies shall constitute and be received as the authentic and official record of the proceedings of such session.
- (3) There shall be appended to the printed mMinutes of a session a list of amendments, and resolutions adopted by the Synod, together with an Index or Table of Contents.
- (4) The number of votes received by each elected member of the General or Provincial Synod, and each substitute member shall be printed in the Minutes.

33. Election of Members to General Synod

- (1) At the Regular sSession of Synod immediately preceding a sSession of the General Synod, the Synod of Toronto shall elect the prescribed number of Clerical Members and Lay Members to the General Synod. These shall be elected by ballot.
- (2) Only mMembers of the Synod of the Diocese possessing a vote therein are eligible for election as members of the General Synod. They shall be:-
 - (a) A Cleric licensed to and residing in a parish outside the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, and a Lay person Member representing and residing in a Parish outside the Municipality of Toronto, who receive a greater number of votes than any other such Cleric or Lay person Member respectively.
 - (b) The remaining number of Clergy and Lay Persons Members respectively who receive the highest number of votes.
- (3) A similar number of each Order arranged in a list according to the number of votes received, beginning with the highest, shall be sSubstitute mMembers whenever for any cause a regularly elected member is unable to attend a sSession of General Synod.
- (4) In addition to the persons elected under subsection s. 33(2), the Bishop shall appoint one (1) representative Member or call for the election of one (1) representative Member who will be at least sixteen (16) years of age upon the opening of the tri-annual session of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six (26) years upon the termination of General Synod, who shall be a communicant member of The Anglican Church of Canada.
- (5) The Secretary of Synod shall enquire of the mMembers at least three (3) weeks prior to a sSession of the General Synod whether they can attend or not. In case a member is unable to attend, a notice shall be sent to a sSubstitute mMember in the order in which the names of such substitutes appear in the list, notifying such substitute of that person's right to attend the sSession of General Synod.

34. Term of Office of Members of General Synod

The members of the General Synod from the Diocese of Toronto shall hold office until their successors are elected, provided that they continue to be members of this Synod.

35. Election of Members to Provincial Synod

The Members of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario from the Diocese of Toronto shall be elected at the a Regular sSession of the Synod of this Diocese immediately preceding a sSession of the Provincial Synod. Such election shall be held under the regulations governing the election of members of the General Synod.

36. Vacancies

The Bishop shall fill all vacancies occurring between sSessions of the Synod in the membership of the Diocesan Council, Standing and other Committees of Synod, and shall make appointments

to fill vacancies in the representation of this Diocese on the General Synod, the Provincial Synod of Ontario, where a sufficient number of elected substitutes are unable to attend.

37. Division of the Diocese

In the event of a division of the Diocese, the portion of the territory intended to form the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto until its Synod has been organized, and its Bishop has been elected and consecrated.

38. Rules of Order

- (1) When the Bishop, or other person presiding, take the Chair, all members shall immediately come to order.
- (2) The Bishop or other person presiding shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the Synod.
- (3) When the Bishop, or other person presiding, rises for the purpose of calling order or deciding any point of order or otherwise, no member shall remain standing.
- (4) Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Chair.
- (5) When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Bishop, or other person presiding, shall decide which member is entitled to the floor.
- (6) (a) All motions and amendments shall be in writing and seconded, with the names of the mover and seconder thereon, and shall be read from the Chair before being debated.
(b) Only one amendment shall be considered until disposed of, but an amendment to the amendment may be proposed at any time, but so that only one such amendment shall be before the Synod at one time. Nevertheless, a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals with the subject matter in hand.
- (6) A member who has made a motion or moved an amendment, may withdraw the same with the consent of the seconder and the unanimous leave of the Synod.
- (7) No member shall speak more than once on the same motion, nor more than once on an amendment, except the mover of the original motion who shall have the right of reply.
- (8) (a) When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or, with the consent of the Bishop, or other person presiding, to move that the question be now put; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in order here named.
(b) The motion "that the question be now put" shall be understood to have the following effect:-
It shall be put to the vote forthwith, and if decided in the affirmative, a vote must be taken at once on the motion before the Synod and without debate. If it be decided in the negative, the motion that "the question be now put" cannot again be proposed until a vote has been taken on the motion before the Synod.
In taking a vote on a motion as above, it is understood that any amendments thereto then before the House are to be first disposed of in accordance with Rule of Order 12 s. 38(12).
- (8) Motions to adjourn shall be decided without debate.
- (9) Any member shall have the right, subject to the consent of the Bishop or other person presiding, to require at any period of the debate, that a question under discussion be read for the information of such member.
- (10) In voting on amendments, the one last moved shall be put first, in every case, and not more than two amendments shall be under consideration at the same time.
- (11) When any question is being put from the Chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse: and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.
- (12) The ordinary mode of voting shall be by the Chairperson calling first upon those who vote in the affirmative to rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

- (13) On the requisition of the Bishop, or other person presiding, or of four members of each of the respective orders, which requisition must be made before the result of the voting is declared by the Chair, the votes of the Clergy and Laity shall be taken separately.
- (14) A question being once determined shall not be brought into discussion again in the same session without the sanction of the Bishop, or other person presiding, and of a majority of the members present.
- (15) No protest of dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings; but, when required by any one member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded.
- (16) An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.
- (17) When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall remain seated until the Bishop or other person presiding has left the Chair.
- (18) The mover of a motion may speak for not more than five minutes or such greater time as the Chairperson may allow. Each other speaker may speak for not more than three minutes unless otherwise directed by the Chairperson; the mover may speak for not more than three minutes in closing. **If there ~~is~~ is a Members' Time scheduled, each speaker shall have no more than three (3) minutes to address the house.**
- (19) Committees must report in writing to the body appointing them.
- (20) Every report must be dealt with by the body to which it is presented, and, on motion, may be :-
 - (a) Received
 - (b) Laid on the table
 - (c) Read, or taken as read
 - (d) Considered as a whole, or clause by clause
 - (e) Referred back for amendment
 - (f) Sent to another committee
 - (g) Ordered to be filed, entered among proceedings, or printed.
 - (h) Adopted or rejected
- (21) When in a report some action is recommended, in order to give its proposition practical effect, a distinct corresponding substantive motion must be appended, or notice thereof must be given in the report.
- (22) Report of Committees to Synod, with the exception of the report of the Diocesan Council, shall be presented and discussed but not read.

(Section 39 removed)

CANON 1

DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURE

1. Definitions

For the purposes of ~~t~~The Constitution and Canons of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the following terms shall have the meaning given opposite each.

- 1) **BY-LAW**- An enactment setting forth in detail the rules to be observed in the practical carrying out of some canon.
- 2) **CANON**- An enactment of the Synod declared so to be upon its adoption.
- 3) **CLERGY OR CLERIC**- These terms include the three (3) orders of the ministry- Bishops, Priests and Deacons.
- 4) **INCUMBENT**- The Cleric who for the time being has the cure of souls in a Church, Parish, Mission or area, and who has been licensed or appointed by the Bishop to perform such ecclesiastical duties therein.
- 5) **MEMBER OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**- A person who has been admitted into the Christian Covenant by Holy Baptism as our Lord commanded "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost", and who is a self-declared member of and who has accepted the authority of the Anglican Church of Canada.
- 6) **MEMORIAL**- an address containing an exposition of facts and circumstances, and soliciting attention thereto.
- 7) **MINISTRY ALLOCATION FUND** – The fund maintained and accounted for within the financial accounts of the Diocese under the authority of Diocesan Council to receive, hold, and disburse the Diocesan share of proceeds realized from any sale or other disposition of Real Property together with income earned thereon.
- 8) **MOTION**- A form of words by which it is sought to elicit an expression of opinion regarding some proposal contained therein.
- 9) **AN ORDER**- A direction given by the Synod to one (1) or more of its officers or other persons to perform some specific act, or acts. It remains in force until it has been complied with, or until the next session of the Synod.
- 10) **ORPHAN**- A person under the full age of eighteen (18) years one (1) of whose parents was a Cleric, but is deceased.
- 11) **PARISH**- A defined area in the Diocese that has been set apart by the Bishop in accordance with the canon on parishes, having within it one (1) or more congregations under one (1) Incumbent, one (1) at least of which has a regularly organized Vestry, with the right to elect members of the Synod, and shall include a Diocesan Ministry Area Diocesan Mission or Designated Ministry when such area has been so designated by the Diocesan Council.
- 12) **PETITION**- A written or printed request addressed to a person or body of persons for the redress of some wrong or for the granting of some favour.
- 13) **REAL PROPERTY** – Real property includes land, buildings, any other things that is erected or growing on or affixed to land, minerals and other things under the land, and all rights issuing out of, annexed to, and exercisable within or about land such as leases, licenses, mortgages, air rights, easement and right of access.
- 14) **REGULATION**- A regulation lays down the way in which certain duties of officers or members of Synod are to be performed.
- 15) **RESOLUTION**- A motion which has been adopted.
- 16) **RULE**- A rule prescribes some mode of procedure under a canon or by-law.
- 17) **RULES OF ORDER**- Rules adopted for the government of the proceedings of a sSession of the Synod.
- 18) **REGIONAL DEANERY**- A group of parishes within the Diocese so arranged for purposes of administration and mutual assistance.
- 19) **STANDING ORDER**- One (1) that holds from year to year until withdrawn or altered by the Synod.
- 20) **AREA**- One (1) of the geographical areas of the Diocese.
- 21) **DIOCESAN MISSIONS**- Shall be such geographical area as may be determined by the Diocesan Council, pursuant to Canon 35 25, or such area of interest or mission as the Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Bishop, shall determine.
- 22) **AREA BISHOP**-The Bishop and Suffragan Bishops designated by the Bishop to have episcopal responsibility for an Area under the authority of the Bishop.
- 23) **DESIGNATED MINISTRY** – A separately incorporated corporation that Diocesan Council may, with the approval of the Bishop, designate and authorize to be a Designated Ministry pursuant to Canon 29.

2. Notices of Motion

- (1) Notices of motion for Synod shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Diocesan Council.
- (2) The Diocesan Council shall cause such notices to be printed verbatim in the Convening Circular or any additional or Supplementary Convening Circular with or without expressing any opinion or making any recommendation.
- (3) Any notices of motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of the Diocesan Council held at least thirty-five (35) days prior to any sitting of Synod shall be referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consider such notices and report its recommendations to Synod. Such notices shall be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod present and voting.
- (4) Each notice of motion for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law or rule of order, shall be in writing, and shall set out in full the part or provision affected and the proposed enactment or amendment.
- (5) A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, shall become effective upon:
 - (a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - (b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
 - (c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
- (6) A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall not have been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
 - (a) Receiving the approval of not less than sixty percent (60%) of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive annual regular sessions of Synod; and
 - (b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
- (7) A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall have been recommended by the Diocesan Council, but which shall not have received the requisite approval referred to in clause 5 (b) hereof, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
 - (a) Receiving the approval of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the members of Synod present and voting at two (2) successive Regular Sessions of Synod; and
 - (b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
- (8) Any motion to suspend a part or provision of the constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, if passed, shall only be effective until the next Session of Synod, and shall become effective upon:
 - (a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - (b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered, and
 - (c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
- (9) Notices of motion dealing with expenditures which will result in an increase in the Diocesan budget must be submitted to the Diocesan Council for its opinion prior to being dealt with by the Synod.

3. By-laws

- (1) Any committee having charge of the administration of any canon or fund of the Synod, may make, and from time to time alter and amend any by-laws passed by the committee for its internal management; provided always that such by-laws are not inconsistent with any canon, by-law, or rule of order then in force.
- (2) Any by-law or amendment thereof, made from time to time by such committee, shall remain in force until the next session of Synod; but if not then confirmed by the Synod, shall be of no further force, and if reenacted by the committee shall not be put into force until authorized by the Synod.

4. Memorials and Petitions

- (1) Memorials and petitions shall be dated and shall be signed by the persons presenting the same, and shall be in the following form:-
- (2) "To the Right Reverend the Bishop, the Reverends, the Clergy, and the Lay **Representatives Members** of the Diocese of Toronto, in Synod assembled: The Petition (or Memorial), of (description) Humble sheweth, etc."

CANON 2
The Diocesan Council of the Synod

There are no proposed changes prior to this point.

2. Members

The membership of the Council shall consist of:

- (a) the Bishop, the Coadjutor Bishop and the Suffragan Bishops.
- (b) the Chancellor, or in the absence of the Chancellor, a Vice Chancellor
- (c) the Registrar
- (d) the Dean of Toronto
- ~~(e) the Chairperson, if a member of the Synod, or a delegate who is a member of the Synod, of each of the following Boards: Communications, Ministry Resources, Planning and Development, Social Justice and Advocacy, Stewardship Development and Treasury.~~
- (f) the President of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women.
- (g) the Honorary Clerical Secretary of Synod and the Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod.
- (h) one (1) clerical and two lay members from each Area, elected by the members of that Area, at or prior to the date of the meeting of the Synod.
- (i) up to fifteen (15) members of the Synod appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the Area Bishops.
- (j) one (1) member from each Area Council.

The elected members shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting of Synod until the conclusion of the next Regular Session of ~~the~~ Synod.

The appointed members shall retain their office until such time as the Bishop's appointments have been made.

In the event of the resignation or death of an elected member, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement to complete the term of office.

~~Any member of Diocesan Council declared to be mentally incapable to manage their property or personal care by an Ontario Superior Court shall be deemed to have resigned.~~

3. Meetings

- (a) The Bishop shall be Chairperson of the Diocesan Council. If the Bishop be absent and has not named a Deputy Chairperson, the Diocesan Council shall elect one.
- (b) A quorum shall be eleven (11) members of the Diocesan Council.
- (c) At least six (6) regular meetings shall be held in a year.
- (d) A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairperson.
- (e) A special meeting may, at the discretion of the Chairperson, be held using teleconference or videoconference facilities in place of a face-to-face meeting.
- (f) Where the Chairperson decides that it is in the best interests of the Diocese for a decision to be made by the Diocesan Council between meetings by use of polling, the Chairperson shall instruct the Secretary of Synod to carry out a poll of the Diocesan Council members according to the following requirements:

- i) The Secretary of Synod shall attempt to reach all members using all reasonable means available.
 - ii) At least a quorum of members must vote.
 - iii) The decision shall be structured so as to require an answer of “yes” or “no”.
 - iv) All members shall be given exactly the same information and be required to respond to exactly the same question.
 - v) Responses to any questions answered as part of the polling process are to be shared with all members polled and no vote is considered final unless all members voting have been given the same information and been informed of all responses to questions.
 - vi) The poll shall be recorded by the Secretary of Synod and the record of the poll received at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council.
- (g) The following shall be present at meetings: the **Diocesan** Executive Assistant ~~to the Diocesan Bishop~~; the Chief Administrative Officer & Secretary of Synod; the Treasurer & Director of Finance; the senior staff person of: Communication, Congregational Development, **Ministry Resources**, **Human Resources**, **Planning and Development**, Stewardship Development, and Social Justice and Advocacy. Where any Canon specifically refers to a person by title, and the function of that person changes, the Diocesan Council may by resolution substitute the person who has assumed the function of the person named in the Canon.

4. **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Council shall:

- (a) Exercise the powers conferred on the Synod by any Act of the Legislature of Ontario except with respect to property administered by the Investment Committee under Canon 39.
 - (b) Appoint the Agenda Committee and Nominations Committee as required by ~~t~~**The** Constitution.
 - (c) Consider and deal with the matters referred to it by Synod.
 - (d) Receive reports and recommendations on policy, program and finance from the various boards and committees and decide on appropriate action.
 - (e) Authorize the payment of money under the control of Synod.
 - (f) Make necessary arrangements for the sessions of Synod; prepare in due form such matters as the Bishop or any member of Synod may desire to bring before Synod; prepare nominations for all elections to be held by ballot in accordance with **Section s.** 21 of ~~t~~**The** Constitution.
 - (g) Receive notices of motion, memorials, or other matters to be considered by the Synod, and shall have the same printed in the Convening Circular in full, or in part, as it may deem expedient. No notice of motion or other matter to be considered by the Synod shall be printed in the Convening Circular until it has been considered by the Diocesan Council.
5. Where it appears to the Diocesan Council to be in the best interests of the Diocese that any Canon should be suspended in any particular case, the Diocesan Council may by a two-thirds **(2/3)** vote of the members present suspend any Canon or provision thereof in a particular case until the next ~~r~~**Regular s**Session of Synod. Where any Canonical provision has been suspended under this section, full reasons for the suspension shall be attached to the minutes and a full explanation shall be given at the next ~~r~~**Regular s**Session of Synod.

CANON 11

CLERICAL STIPENDS

1. Amount

The amount of the stipend to be paid to the Incumbent or to an Associate Incumbent shall be arranged by the Bishop and the Parish Selection Committee who are members of the congregation or congregations of the parish, at a meeting held at or prior to the time of appointment. The sources from which the stipend is to be derived and the amount to be paid from each such source shall be declared and recorded. When a cleric is appointed, the Area Bishop, in consultation with the Churchwardens, shall determine the stipend to be paid to the cleric. Thereafter, the Churchwardens meet annually with the cleric to determine changes to the stipend. The parish is responsible for the total cost of the clerical remuneration package including stipend, housing and benefits unless otherwise specified.

2. Definition of Stipend

Any income from an endowment, or from any Synod fund that is declared to be for the benefit of the Incumbent, or Associate Incumbent, shall be part of the stipend.

3. Christmas Offering Honoraria

The Christmas offering, unless specifically designated by the donor as being for the Incumbent, shall be included in the regular income of the parish. Fees shall likewise be excluded in estimating the amount of the stipend. Honoraria received by the cleric shall not be considered part of the stipend.

4. Reduction of Stipend

Except with the written consent of the Bishop and the Incumbent or Associate Incumbent as the case may be, cleric there shall be no reduction of stipend from a parish paying source or sources shall take effect until at least six months have elapsed from the date of the vestry resolution fixing such a reduction.

5. Minimum Stipend and Travel Allowance

The Diocesan Council shall determine from time to time annually the minimum stipend scale and travelling mileage allowance to be paid to each cleric who is appointed on a regular and full time basis as Incumbent or Assistant in a parish and shall so advise the Churchwardens.

6. Living Accommodation and Allowances

In respect of the clergy referred to in Section 5, in addition to stipend and travelling mileage allowance, the parish shall:

- 1) Supply living accommodation and pay reasonable costs of fuel, telephone and public utilities; or
- 2) Pay a reasonable housing allowance and reasonable costs of fuel, telephone and public utilities.

7. Moving Expense

When a cleric assumes a new appointment within the Diocese or retires on pension from an appointment within the Diocese; or where the surviving spouse of a cleric moves from a rectory on the death of the cleric prior to retirement, a contribution to the moving costs up to an amount to be determined annually by the Executive Board Diocesan Council will be a charge on the Diocesan Budget.

CANON 28
SECRETARY OF SYNOD

There are no proposed changes prior to this point.

2. Qualification

The Secretary shall be not less than the age of majority, and, **in the opinion of the Bishop, shall** possess the necessary skills, experience and judgment to carry out the duties of Secretary.

There are no proposed changes beyond this point.

CANON 29

DESIGNATED MINISTRIES

1. Designation

The Diocesan Council may with the approval of the Bishop designate and authorize Designated Ministries, subject to the provisions of this Canon, and other such **terms and** conditions as Council may specify from time to time.

2. Corporation

A Designated Ministry designated and authorized pursuant to this Canon:

- a) shall be carried out by a corporation incorporated for that purpose as is authorized by the Diocesan Council and approved by the Bishop;
- b) shall be deemed to be a missionary charge for the purposes of **Section s. 2** of **The Constitution** only; **and,**
- c) may be performed, in part or in full, by a cleric appointed by the Bishop whose duties shall include, so far as applicable, the duties required of an Incumbent in Canon 9 and who shall be subject to the provisions, so far as applicable, of Canon 10 **;** **and**
- d) may elect Lay Members of Synod pursuant to **Section s. 3** of The Constitution, if permitted by Diocesan Council as one of the **conditions terms** referred to in **Section s. 1**.

3. Conflict with Other Canons

In any conflict between this and any other Canon, the provisions of this Canon shall apply.

4. Reports

A Designated Ministry shall report to the Bishop, as the Bishop requires. Reports of a Designated Ministry to the Bishop shall be communicated to the Diocesan Council and to Synod members before each Regular Session of the Synod.

5. Employees

The corporation carrying out the Designated Ministry, unless otherwise directed by the Diocesan Council and the Bishop, shall employ all employees of a Designated Ministry.

6. Revocation

With the approval of the Bishop, the Diocesan Council may revoke the designation and authorization referred to in Section 1 of this Canon.

CANON 47
THE SOLICITOR RETENTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL

1. Solicitor

There ~~shall~~ may be a Solicitor of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto who shall be appointed by the Diocesan Council on the nomination of the Chancellor and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Diocesan Council.

2. Death or retirement of Bishop

On the death or retirement of the Bishop of the Diocese the Solicitor shall tender a resignation of the office to the Diocesan Council.

3. Duties

The Solicitor shall perform such duties as are required by the Bishop, the Diocesan Council, or the Secretary of Synod and the Constitution and the Canons of the Diocese.

4. Use of Other Counsel

The Bishop, the Diocesan Council or the Secretary of Synod may in their discretion specific circumstances retain other Barristers and Solicitors, licensed to practice law in Ontario, in particular matters.

~~5. Deemed Resignation at Age 70~~

~~Upon attaining the age of 70 years the Solicitor shall be deemed to have resigned the office.~~