

CANON 20
REGIONAL DEANS

1. Regional Deaneries

The parishes and missions of the Diocese shall be grouped in Regional Deaneries the boundaries of which shall be determined by the Bishop but may be readjusted by the Bishop at any time.

2. Office

1. A Regional Dean shall be appointed by the Bishop from among the clergy of each Deanery for a term of 4 (four) years. A Regional Dean may be re-appointed; and
2. A Regional Dean resigning or otherwise leaving such Regional Dean's charge or other employment shall forthwith tender to the Bishop a resignation as Regional Dean.

3. Remuneration

A Regional Dean shall receive such honorarium for the performance of Regional Deanery duties and such travelling expenses incidental thereto as the Synod Council, with the approval of the Bishop, may from time to time determine.

4. Duties

1. A Regional Dean shall call together the clergy of the Regional Deanery at least twice in each year for the promotion of closer fellowship, for group study, for conference on the state of the Church, and for the organization of special educational or financial efforts;
2. A Regional Dean shall assist the Bishop or Suffragan Bishop in such Bishop's pastoral care and office within the limits of the Regional Deanery. The Regional Dean shall from time to time report to the Bishop or Suffragan Bishop in whose territorial jurisdiction the Deanery is located on the state of the Church therein;
3. A Regional Dean shall, on the direction of the Bishop or Suffragan Bishop and in any event within two weeks of the announcement of a vacancy in a parish of the deanery, together with the two Churchwardens and such other assistance as the Regional Dean may require, and with the permission of the Incumbent, inspect the rectory and report within one week on the inspection and any needed maintenance, repairs or renovations to the Bishop or Suffragan Bishop; and
4. A Regional Dean shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Bishop.