

Attending and Conduct of the Convention

- Delegates and Clergy Members of Convention (collectively “Members”) will attend all sessions by logging into the electronic meetings platform provided by the Diocese.
- All Members will log in before the start of the designated meeting time. Members are strongly encouraged to login 15 minutes before a session’s designated start time.
- Members are responsible for ensuring their computer or phone’s operation and their internet connection. Members are responsible for testing their microphones and cameras before the start of the Convention.
- During all business sessions, the Convention electronic meeting platform will meet the following requirements:
 - All members will be able to see and hear, with the appropriate technology, the Chair, presenters, and officers of the Convention;
 - There will be a mechanism to allow a Member to participate in debate on any motion or matter;
 - There will be a mechanism for a Member to make a motion;
 - All members will be able to hear any Member who is participating in debate, making a motion, or presenting a point of order or personal privilege from the Chair;
 - All members will be provided instructions on how to vote on any measure, express an objection to unanimous consent, and be allowed to do so.
- The presence of a quorum will be determined at the beginning of any session of Convention.
- Business session will be primarily conducted over Zoom for Members, configured in a webinar format, and will be live streamed to visitors. If a Member or individual wishes to debate a motion or resolution or make a motion, the Member will indicate as instructed their desire to debate or make a motion and appear on the queue. Once they are recognized by the presiding officer, they will be promoted to a presenter and present their motion or remarks. Following the conclusion of a Member or other persons remarks, that person will be returned to the position of attendee.

Speaking at Convention

- In addition to Members and other persons authorized by the Constitution and Canons, the Report of the Committee on Privilege, which is contained in Convention Document E.9, grants certain individuals seat and voice, but no vote.
- Only Members or individuals granted seat and voice can participate in debate or speak on the floor. Alternates not certified as replacement delegates DO NOT have seat or voice and alternates may NOT speak unless they are certified as a replacement delegate.
- Any Member or individual wishing to participate in debate or speak must be called on by the Chair.
- If a Member wishes to interrupt another member, make a point of order, or raise a question of privilege, the Member will follow the process outlined by the Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business to raise the attention of the Chair.

- Once a member starts speaking, a Member is required to give the Member's name, congregation name, and congregation location/city, and the Member's role at the Convention.
- There is a two-minute time limit when speaking to resolutions or issues; please honor time limits.
- If an individual's time is expired, the Chair may terminate the microphone.
- Each person may speak only once to any resolution or amendment.
- The proposer of a resolution may speak a second time.

Submitting amendments and/or new resolutions:

- All resolutions or amendments made from the floor must have a written copy emailed to Canon Dede Moore at DMoore@ecww.org and the Secretary of Convention the Rev. Dr. Marda Steedman Sanborn at mlsspriest@msn.com before presenting the amendment.
- Canon 4 §7, requires that any Resolution not submitted to the Committee at least 45 days prior to Convention shall be considered by Convention only if it does not propose to modify the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and does not call for an appropriation from the Diocesan budget, and further provided that it has been submitted, in writing, to the Resolutions Committee no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the convening of Convention, and consideration of such resolution is approved by a majority vote of the Convention. The resolutions may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at resolutions@ecww.org.

Clergy Members of the Convention

The following are relevant provisions regarding Clergy Members of the Convention:

- Clergy licensed in this Diocese who have charge of a congregation are given seat, voice and vote through Canon 7§3.
- Clergy licensed in this Diocese, but canonically resident elsewhere have seat and voice only, not vote.
- Clergy canonically resident, but not domiciled or ecclesiastically employed in the Diocese have seat and voice only, not vote.
- Clergy canonically resident and domiciled or ecclesiastically employed in the Diocese have seat, voice, and vote.

Voting & Elections

Votes at the Convention will be taken using VVoter an electronic platform. Only Members of the Convention or individuals entitled to vote may vote on a matter.

You will be provided instructions before the Convention, and before the first ballot.

The Chair may request the unanimous consent of the Convention for minor items or uncontested elections in lieu of a vote. If a member objects to the unanimous consent on an item, the Chair will immediately conduct a counted vote.

The following are relevant excerpts from the diocesan governing documents for necessary votes for this Convention:

- Election of **Officers** and **Diocesan Council** members requires a majority vote in both orders (lay and clergy) combined. [*Article IX*]
- Election to the **Standing Committee** requires a concurrent majority vote of the clergy and lay orders voting separately. [*Article X*]
 - The Convention will elect one four-year term this year and one unexpired term. The Convention will vote on each position separately. The four-year term will be elected first, followed by a separate ballot for the unexpired term.
 - If a fourth ballot is required, it will be made up of the two persons receiving the higher number of votes on the third ballot in the order from which one is to be elected, and only members of that order shall vote on the fourth ballot.
- **Resolutions:** In all matters which shall come before the Convention the clergy and lay Members will deliberate in one body and vote as individuals; each delegate present will be entitled to only one vote. Unless otherwise provided, a majority of the voters shall be decisive. On the call of any five Members, the two orders will vote separately, and a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. [*Article IX*]
- Amendments to the **Constitution** must be adopted at two successive annual meetings of Convention by a majority vote of the two orders voting separately. [*Article XXI*]
- Amendments to **Canons** may be amended at a single convention by a majority of votes of the two orders voting separately. [*Canon 28*]