

## Proposition 2023-P11

### Amend TITLE VIII, CANON 7, SECTION III EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND

**Resolved**, that Title VIII, Canon 7, Section III be amended as follows:

SECTION III. Composition, Manner of Selection and Terms, Qualifications, and Removal and Vacancies.

(a) Composition. The membership of the Board of Directors shall be composed as follows:

(i) *ex officio* members: (A) the Bishop of the Diocese, (B) the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Suffragan and/or Assistant Bishops, if there be any, and (C) the Executive Director, all of which shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Board of Directors;

(ii) appointed members: four persons annually by the Bishop of the Diocese;

(iii) elected members: six persons by the Diocesan Convention, two of whom shall be elected annually as set forth below.

(b) Manner of Selection and Terms.

(i) *ex officio* members: each such member shall serve on the Board by virtue of the position each holds in the Diocese. The term of each member shall last for so long as each such member holds the office for which such person was elected or appointed;

(ii) appointed members: each such member shall serve a one year term, and shall be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese within sixty (60) days following the annual Diocesan Convention; and

(iii) elected members: six persons by the Convention, two of whom shall be elected annually as set forth below. In order to begin and continue the process of a rotating and staggered membership for those persons elected by the Convention, the six members will be divided into three classes consisting of two members each. Upon adoption of this Canon, and within four weeks thereafter, the Bishop will appoint the initial six members of the board. Two members will be appointed for one-year terms, two members will be appointed for two-year terms, and two members will be appointed for three-year terms. When the terms of the members of each class expire, replacements will be elected at each subsequent annual Convention for full three-year terms, and so on thereafter; provided that no person shall be elected to serve more than two full terms in succession.

(c) Qualifications. Clerical members shall be Canonically Resident in the Diocese. Lay members shall be **confirmed** adult communicants in good standing of the Church, and on the membership **roll** of a Church in this Diocese. No member shall

be paid any salary or receive any remuneration of any kind whatsoever by virtue of his status as a member of the Board of Directors of ECS.

(d) Removal and Vacancies. Board members shall continue in office until replaced by their electing or appointing person or body. Any Board member may be removed, with or without cause, in the case of (i) *ex officio* members, by the Bishop; (ii) appointed members, by the Bishop, and (iii) elected members, by the Diocesan Council. If vacancies on the Board occur through death or resignation, they shall be filled to complete any unexpired terms until successors shall have been duly elected or appointed, in the case of (i) *ex officio* members, by the Bishop, (ii) appointed members, by the Bishop, and (iii) elected members, by the Diocesan Council.

Explanation:

The purpose of this change is to ensure that those wishing to serve as board members have made the adult commitment to the Church as evidenced by Confirmation as defined in Title II, Canon 2, Section I(d) of the Canons. and to correct a typographical error.