

Proposition 2023-P9

Amend TITLE VIII, CANON 5, SECTION II THE MERCER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Resolved, that Title VIII, Canon 5, Section II 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 Trustees shall be composed as follows:
- (i) *ex officio* members: (A) the Bishop of the Diocese, (B) the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese, if there be one, and the Suffragan and/or Assistant Bishops of the Diocese, if there be any;
 - (ii) appointed members: four persons annually by the Bishop of the Diocese; and
 - (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 member 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 Convention; and
 - (iii) elected members: six persons by the Convention, two of whom shall be elected annually and each of whom shall serve a three-year term.
- (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 Trustee of the Mercer School of Theology.

- (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 of the Diocese, (ii) appointed members by the Bishop of the Diocese, 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 of the Diocese, (ii) appointed members, by the Bishop of the Diocese, 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 and to correct a typographical error.