

Proposition 2023-P10

**Amend TITLE VIII, CANON 6, SECTION III
THE TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE BELONGING TO
THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND**

Resolved, that Title VIII, Canon 6, 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 Trustees shall be composed as follows:

(i) *ex officio* members: (A) the Bishop of the Diocese, and (B) the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and (C) the Suffragan and/or Assistant Bishops, if there be any; and (D) the Treasurer of the Diocesan Convention; and

(ii) elected members: eight persons by the Diocesan Convention, two of whom shall be elected annually as set forth below; provided that at least three members shall be of the clerical order.

(b) Manner of Selection and Terms.

(i) *ex officio* members: each such member shall serve on the Board of Trustees 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; and

(ii) elected members: eight persons by the Diocesan Convention, two of whom shall be elected annually as set forth below. The eight members will be divided into four classes consisting of two members each. At the first annual Diocesan Convention following adoption of this provision, two members will be elected for four-year terms. In addition, and in order to begin and continue the process of a rotating and staggered membership on the Board of Trustees, at the first annual Diocesan Convention following adoption of these provisions, the eight elected members of the founding Board of Trustees shall be comprised of those incumbents (who were previously elected in four classes consisting of two members each) who has not served out his/her full term and who has not declared his/her intent to resign from the Board of Trustees prior to such Diocesan Convention. In such event such member shall continue as a member of the Board of Trustees until completion of his full term or until such member shall have resigned, and there will be no nominations or elections for persons in such class. When the terms of the members of each class expire, replacements will be elected at each subsequent annual Diocesan Convention for full four-

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 this 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 Trustees of the Estate.

(e) Removal and Vacancies. Members of the Board of Trustees shall continue in office until replaced by the Diocesan Convention. Any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed, with or without cause, by the Diocesan Council. If vacancies on the Board of Trustees occur through death or resignation, they shall be filled by the majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees to complete any unexpired terms until successors shall have been duly elected by the Diocesan Convention.

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.