

MOTIONS FOR SYNOD

Motion 1:

Amend the Table of Contents by deleting the reference to Canon 1.5 and inserting in its place the following:

Canon 1.5- REGIONS AND ARCHDEACONS

Motion 2:

Amend the definitions section of the canons by deleting the following:

“Regional dean” is the cleric appointed by the bishop as the head of the region.

Motion 3:

Amend the canons and regulations by deleting Canon 1.5 and its regulations in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

CANON 1.5 - REGIONS AND ARCHDEACONS

a. Regions

The parishes of the Diocese shall be grouped in regions for the purpose of

- promoting the spiritual life within each region,
- supporting common ministries within the region, and
- considering matters affecting the Diocese as a whole.

- 1) The regions shall be defined by the bishop.
- 2) Primary funding for regional ministries shall be from the parishes of the region, and some funds may be made available from the diocesan budget.

- 3) Priorities for regional ministry shall be established at the annual conference of clergy and laity within the region.

b. Authority and Governance

1. Each region accedes to the authority of the bishop of British Columbia, the actions of the Diocesan Synod, the constitution and canons of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada.
2. Each region shall be governed by an executive committee the composition of which shall be set out in the regulations to this canon.

d. Archdeacons

- 1) The bishop shall appoint regional archdeacons. Regional archdeacons shall hold office at the pleasure of the bishop. However, all appointments shall terminate upon the accession of a new diocesan. Regional archdeacons shall be assigned to one or more regions (which may then be called an archdeaconry).
- 2) In consultation with the diocesan council, the bishop may appoint an executive archdeacon, who will assist the bishop directly in the oversight of the Diocese.
- 3) In consultation with the diocesan council, the bishop may appoint the executive archdeacon as executive officer.
- 4) Archdeacons shall be installed by the bishop, or by the dean under the mandate of the bishop.

REGULATION 1.5.01 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- 1) In each region there shall be a conference which shall meet at least once during the calendar year, on a date to be set by the regional archdeacon after consulting with the regional chapter and the lay vice-chair. The conference shall comprise:
 - All active clergy in the region holding the licence of the bishop;
 - The churchwardens, treasurer, and the lay delegates and alternates to Diocesan Synod from each parish within the region.
 - Up to four additional lay delegates from each parish within the region.
- 2) The regional archdeacon shall convene and preside at all meetings of the conference, except that at the request, or in the absence of the regional archdeacon, the lay vice-chair may convene and preside at meetings of the conference.
- 3) The regional conference
 - shall elect from the persons nominated by its constituent parishes at their annual general meeting a youth lay delegate or delegates to Synod as set out in article III (g) and shall notify the diocesan office of such election;

- shall prior to a Diocesan Synod nominate one clerical and one lay person from among its members who are members of Synod to serve on the diocesan council as set out in canon 3 a. 2 a.;
 - may consider any matters of common concern relating to the parishes within the region, and make pertinent recommendations to diocesan committees;
 - may allocate funds to support regional ministries and projects;
 - shall send copies of its minutes, and notices of forthcoming meetings, to the bishop.
- 4) If necessary, the region shall have a special conference to nominate a person to fill any vacancy of a representative to the diocesan council.

REGULATION 1.5.02 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. Each region shall be governed by an executive committee comprising: the regional archdeacon, the regional lay vice-chair, a second lay person, and another cleric chosen by regional clergy. The regional lay vice-chair and second lay person will be elected at the first meeting of the regional conference following a regular Synod.

REGULATION 1.5.03 REGIONAL CHAPTER (CLERICUS)

The regional archdeacon shall convene and chair the regional chapter, which consists of all of the active clergy within the region holding the licence of the bishop. The regional chapter will meet at the call of the regional archdeacon.

REGULATION 1.5.04 - ARCHDEACONS

- a. The duties of a regional archdeacon may include:
 - 1) Welcoming and orienting new incumbents and other clergy to the archdeaconry.
 - 2) Installing a new incumbent in "The Celebration of a New Ministry," and, in the absence of the bishop, preside at the service.
 - 3) In general, providing pastoral support to clergy in their work, and especially in times of crisis.
 - 4) Providing pastoral support to parishes in a time of crisis, especially when clergy are suspended, removed, or die.
 - 5) When an incumbency comes to an end, meeting with the cleric for an "end of ministry" interview.

- 6) Within their archdeaconries, the archdeacons, after consulting with the appropriate regional and parish wardens, shall ensure that the ministrations of the church are carried out regularly in parishes where there is no incumbent.
 - 7) Inspect rectories during vacancies.
 - 8) Conduct "transition days" in parishes.
 - 9) As members of the cathedral chapter, archdeacons shall assist, as best they may, in the worship and work of the cathedral.
 - 10) Serve on committees as the bishop's appointee.
 - 11) Meet with the bishop, the dean, and the other archdeacons on a regular basis.
- b. Where a territorial archdeacon is unable to carry out a duty for any reason, the bishop shall ask the diocesan archdeacon or another archdeacon to act for them.
 - c. The bishop may assign the title of archdeacon emeritus to an archdeacon who has ceased to hold office.

REGULATION 1.5.05 - REGIONAL LAY VICE CHAIR

- a. Purpose: The regional lay vice chair works in partnership with the regional archdeacon in the planning of regional mission and ministries, regional conference, and regional programs.
- b. The regional lay vice chair is a volunteer position elected by regional conference after each synod.
- c. The term of office of the regional lay vice chair is from Synod to Synod and may be renewed once.
- d. The duties and responsibilities include:
 - working with regional chapter for setting of agenda and discussion of regional mission
 - responsible to the bishop and regional archdeacon
 - chairs regional conference in absence of regional archdeacon
 - empowering greater communication between the parishes of the region, and from the regional executive committee and the regional conference to parishes and parish councils.
- e. Travel costs will be paid in accordance with the diocesan standard from the diocesan travel budget.
- f. The qualifications for the lay vice-chair shall be the same as for delegates to Synod.

REGULATION 1.5.06 - CONDUCT OF REGIONAL CONFERENCES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

- a. The regional archdeacon may direct that at any regional conference a member may participate by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. A member so participating in a meeting is deemed for the purposes of the Canons to be present at the meeting.
- b. The regional archdeacon may direct that any regional conference shall be held entirely by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.
- c. In any regional conference where members participate by electronic means, those provisions of Regulation 2.1.05 that are not in conflict with this Regulation shall apply, with the necessary grammatical and contextual changes.

Policy - FINANCES FOR REGIONAL MINISTRY

1. Regional ministry will normally be funded by the parishes of the region who are proposing the work, project, program or outreach. A cost sharing formula should be established between the parishes and each parish council should formally agree to its portion. Some funding may be made available from the diocesan budget but only when the majority of the cost is committed to by the participating parishes or other funding sources.
2. Applications should be made to the program sub-committee of diocesan council through the diocesan office and must indicate a breakdown of the total cost of the planned ministry, the amount of funding already agreed to by each parish and other funding sources and the amount expected from the Diocese. Diocesan financial support should not be assumed and approval may not be a commitment longer than the current year.

Motion 4

That canon 3.g be deleted in its entirety and in its place be inserted the following:

- g. The bishop shall make nominations for the diocesan executive officer and the diocesan finance officer respectively to the council, and upon approval thereof, diocesan council shall appoint the persons so nominated. They shall serve at the pleasure of both the bishop and the diocesan council.

Motion 5

That regulation 3.07 b (1) be amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- (1) The membership shall consist of a convener (who shall be the archdeacon chosen by the bishop) and the regional lay vice chairs.

And that regulation 3.07 g (1) be amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- (1) Membership shall consist of:
 - a. The diocesan executive officer
 - b. One regional archdeacon
 - c. The finance officer
 - d. Three or more lay people, at least two of which shall be members of synod
 - e. One additional priest of the diocese

Motion 6

That canon 4.1 a. (4) be deleted.

Motion 7

That canon 3. a. be amended by adding to the list of ex-officio members the registrar such that 3. A. shall read:

- a. The council shall consist of:
 1. Ex-officio: The bishop (chair)
Bishop coadjutor, bishop suffragan and bishop assistant
The dean
The chancellor
The vice chancellor
The clerical secretary
The lay secretary
The treasurer
The registrar (with voice but no vote)

Motion 8

That Appendix H be removed from the canons and moved to policy.

Motion 9

That the canons committee as constituted from time to time undertake a complete review and redrafting of the canons and regulations with the intention that the canons committee present to Synod 2025 a revised set of canons and regulations that:

1. Is in plain language;
2. Is internally consistent in terms, process and formatting;
3. Reflects the current experience of the diocese;
4. Reflects the appropriate division among issues that belong in the canons, those that belong in the regulations and those that belong in a policy manual;
5. Is forward looking and allows for future flexibility where flexibility is appropriate.

Motion 10:

That an amendment to the constitution deleting from Article 1 (b) the definition the following:

“regional dean” is the cleric appointed by the bishop as the head of the region

be laid before this synod pursuant to Article XVI of the constitution, so that, if approved in accordance with Article XVI, it shall lie over to the next regular session of synod for consideration.