

170-A

Resolution to Amend Canon VI: Of Deputies to the Provincial Synod

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon VI of the Canons of the Diocese of Iowa be amended to read as follows.

Sec. 1: The Clerical and Lay Deputies elected as provided in Canon 5 shall be the Deputies to Provincial Synod for the same period of time they hold the office of Deputy to General Convention.

Sec. 2: At the Annual Convention next preceding the regular meeting of the General Convention, ~~the convention shall elect~~ the Bishop shall appoint ~~one~~ two members to serve on the Provincial Council, from January 1 following the election for a three-year term. The order of the persons elected and the and the number of terms allowed shall be in accordance with the appropriate Provincial Ordinance.

Submitted by the Constitution and Canons Committee
Kathleen S. Milligan +, Chair

Rationale: The Provincial Synod Council has revised its Ordinances to require two Provincial Council representatives from each member diocese in Province 6. This resolution puts us in compliance with that change. The change to appointive positions reflects actual practice in recent years.

170-B

Resolution to Amend Canon 18

Be it resolved that this 170th Convention amends Canon 18 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese as follows:

Canon 18 Sec. 2

The congregation of each Cathedral shall be a parish, with all the normal and prescribed parochial organizations, duties, rights, and privileges; provided, however, that the Bishop shall nominate a priest to be the Rector and Dean. When the Bishop shall be notified that there is, or is about to be, a vacancy in the Rectorship of the Cathedral congregations ~~then such bishop shall nominate any number of priests not less than five~~ then after consultation with the Vestry/Chapter, and at her/his discretion, the bishop shall nominate up to five (5) deemed fit and suitable, from whom the Vestry shall select one (1) to be called as Rector; or if for good reason no one of these shall be selected the Vestry shall notify the bishop who may then nominate others until a selection shall be made. Such Rector, when duly elected and installed, shall become Dean of the Cathedral, with such duties, rights, and privileges of the Rector of a parish.

Submitted by Kathleen Milligan +
For the Constitution and Canons Committee

Rationale: The current reality in clergy searches is that it is often impossible to find five people who are interested in a transition. While it is clear that a reasonable pool is advantageous, the requirement to

submit five names could tie the bishop's hands in a way that would delay the process of selection for a new Dean.

170-C

Resolution for SAFE HARBOR

Whereas, to prevent the harmful and re-traumatizing effects of arrest and prosecution for crimes committed pursuant to trafficking victimization, Iowa must enact comprehensive non-criminalization laws; and

Whereas, Iowa Code Section 725.1 defines prostitution in a manner that includes minors as potential parties to the offense of prostitution, and

Whereas, “non-criminalization” reflects the concept that “charging a child with a crime related to their own rape is not properly enshrined in the criminal code;”
and

Whereas, A key first step in enacting non-criminalization laws is to prohibit the criminalization of survivors under 18 for prostitution offenses, ensuring that they cannot be arrested, detained, or prosecuted for such offenses; and

Whereas, sex trafficked children and youth are commonly compelled to commit juvenile and criminal offenses during their victimization. In addition to harms caused by criminalization, related records present detrimental challenges and barriers to the restoration and healing process for survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Such collateral consequences result in further victimization, including psychological harm, that may hinder a survivor's ability to rebuild their life; and

Whereas, juvenile records may result in school expulsion, denial of professional licenses, denial of access to public benefits; and

Whereas, criminal records hinder survivors ability to obtain employment, secure safe housing, taking out loans, and seek educational opportunities; and

Whereas, 31 states have already passed Safe Harbor laws including Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and North Dakota; NOW THEREFORE,

Be it resolved, that the Episcopal Church of Iowa requests its congregants to become informed about and aware of human trafficking across communities of Iowa, its devastating and lasting effects on Iowa families, and the need for a state Safe Harbor law by contacting all candidates running for Iowa's House and Senate.

Submitted by East Chapter, Maggie Tinsman
For the Constitution and Canons Committee

Rationale: That survivors are punished by restitution fines and victimized by our justice system.

170-D

Resolution for the Continuation of the Nzara Companion Relationship

Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Nzara, Episcopal Church of South Sudan

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 170th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa agrees to extend the Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Nzara in the Republic of South Sudan, and that this Relationship will extend for a period of five years, to be renewed only after evaluation by the Bishop of Iowa and the One World One Church Commission, which will present a follow-up resolution at the 175th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the focus of the Companionship will be primarily on building relationships between the two Dioceses:

Through sharing of prayer lists,

Through exchange visits, especially of experts in various disciplines, Through the appointment of a Nzara Companionship Steering Committee,

Through the development of a diocesan-wide Nzara Companions group who will covenant to pray regularly for the Companionship, engaging in direct communication with members of the Diocese of Nzara and keeping the Diocese of Iowa informed about both Nzara and the larger concerns of the Republic of South Sudan; and that funding for all projects related to the new Companionship will be agreed upon through the channels of the Bishop of Iowa office.

SUBMITTED BY: OWOC (One World One Church Commission)