

RESOLUTION 1-2019
Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Canons
Of the Diocese of West Texas
Canon 9, Section 4

RESOLVED, That Canon 9, Sundry Boards, Committees and Representatives, of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Texas be amended to read:

Section 4 (b). Delegates and alternate delegates to the Synod of the Province of the Southwest, clerical and lay, in the number required by the provincial canons, shall be the same individuals elected as deputies and alternate deputies at Council for the meeting of General Convention.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of amending Section 4 (b) of Canon 9 is to eliminate confusion in regard to meetings for Synod of the Province. Representation by General Convention deputies and alternate deputies will align with other dioceses as deputies and alternate deputies for the meeting of General Convention are the same individuals who meet for Synod of the Province. The original Section 4 (b) of Canon 9 and proposed change is illustrated below:

Section 4 (b). Delegates and alternate delegates to the Synod of the Province of the Southwest, clerical and lay, in the number required by the provincial canons, shall be elected by the annual Council immediately prior to the meeting of the Synod of the Province of the Southwest. the same individuals elected as deputies and alternate deputies at Council for the meeting of General Convention.

Resolution 2-2019
Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Canons
Of the Diocese of West Texas
Canon 15

WHEREAS, Canon 15 governs Episcopal Schools located on or operated by any parish, mission, organization or institution of the Diocese (the “Church”).

WHEREAS, Canon 15 prohibits any school that does not meet the requirements of an Episcopal School as set forth in Canon 15.

WHEREAS, some Churches desire to lease a portion of their space to a school that does not operate as an Episcopal School but otherwise fits within the community of the Church.

WHEREAS, Canon 15 must be amended to allow a non-Episcopal School to operate on Church premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, Section 7 is hereby added to Canon 15 as follows:

“Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Section 1, 2, 4 and 6 above, a Parish and/or a Mission may, **after consultation with any other Episcopal Schools in the area and** with the prior written consent of the Bishop and the Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation in West Texas, lease a portion of their premises to a school providing education for young people from pre-school through high school. The lease agreement between the Trustees of the Church Corporation and the school shall be for a determined period, **reviewed annually by the Trustees and the Bishop**, and shall contain terms which ensure that the school meets diocesan policies, guidelines and directives, including without limitation, the requirement that all employees complete Safeguarding God’s Children and any other such program required by Church Insurance Corporation. Further, the lease agreement shall specify that the School must, at all times, meet Sections 3 and 5 of this Canon 15. The consent to lease any portion of a Parish and/or Mission is subject to the sole discretion of the Bishop and the Trustee of the Church Corporation.”