

## SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AND CANONICAL REVISIONS 2019

<i>REFERENCE</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>SUMMARY OF REVISIONS</i>
<b>Article 1</b>	<b>Principles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The third paragraph has been revised to reflect the existing liturgical practice of the Anglican Church of Canada and the traditional liturgical authority of the Bishop.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 2</b>	<b>Composition of Synod</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article 2 has been revised to conform to the definitions of Canon 1.</li> <li>• Article 2.13 redefines the role of the Constitution and Canons Committee (see Canon 13 below).</li> </ul>
<b>Article 3</b>	<b>Officers of Synod</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing constitutional provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Article 4</b>	<b>Diocesan Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing constitutional provisions.</li> <li>• Article 4 has been revised to include material previously contained in Canons 27 and 28.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 1</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canon 1.1 refers to a clearer definition of the role of the Administrator as described in Canon 2.6-2.8.</li> <li>• Canon 1.10 provides a simpler definition of ‘Licensed Clergy’.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 2</b>	<b>Election of the Diocesan Bishop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canon 2.20.c has been revised to accord with Canon 2.20.b.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 3</b>	<b>Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to Canon 3 as approved by Diocesan Synod in October 2018..</li> </ul>

<b>Canon 4</b>	<b>Diocesan Officers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archdeacons and Regional Deans serve at the pleasure of the Bishop and no longer for a set number of time-specific terms.</li> <li>• Provision is made for the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 5</b>	<b>Appointment, Retirement and Resignation of Clergy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 6</b>	<b>The Cathedral</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 7</b>	<b>Regional Archdeaconries and Regional Deaneries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 8</b>	<b>Creation and Amendment of Parishes, Parish Corporations and Parish Names</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity has been brought to the process of merging and closing parishes.</li> <li>• Paragraphs 8.12 and 8.20 clarify the role of Diocesan Council in the allocation of the assets of closed parishes.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 9</b>	<b>Parish Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some sections have been revised to be more concise.</li> <li>• ‘Parish Council’ is the term to be used throughout the Diocese rather than the variety of terms currently in use.</li> <li>• The roles of Trustees in incorporated Parishes and the roles of ‘Responsible Persons’ in unincorporated Parishes are defined.</li> <li>• Canon 9.26 and 9.27 define the roles of ‘Associate Wardens’.</li> <li>• Canon 9.36 defines the Priest in charge as the normal Chair of Parish Council.</li> <li>• Canon 9.41 changes the name of the ‘Canonical Committee’ to ‘Search Committee’ and specifies that the members of the Search Committee re-</li> </ul>

		main in office until an appointment is made.
<b>Canon 10</b>	<b>Alternative Parish Structures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canon 10 clarifies the establishment of alternative parish structures as well</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 11</b>	<b>Diocesan, Parish and Mission Buildings and Land</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canon 11 revises the substance of the existing canonical provisions in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.</li> <li>• It also makes clear the obligation of a Parish to act in accordance with provincial law in relationship to any tenants.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 12</b>	<b>Diocesan Archivist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 13</b>	<b>Constitution and Canons Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Constitution and Canons Committee is established as a standing rather than sessional or ad hoc committee of the Diocese.</li> <li>• Article 2.13 of the proposed revised Constitution permits the Committee to recommend to Diocesan Council ‘such corrections and alterations to the Constitution and Canons as it considers necessary provided that such correction or alteration relates only to matters of form and not to matters of substance’.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 14</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 15</b>	<b>Diocesan Funds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Canon gives Diocesan Council the authority to establish accountable, responsible and transparent policies for Diocesan Funds.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 16</b>	<b>Election of General Synod Delegates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>

<b>Canon 17</b>	<b>Election of Provincial Synod Delegates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changes have been made to the substance of the existing canonical provisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Canon 18</b>	<b>Court of the Diocese of New Westminster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canon 18 is a substantial revision of the current canonical provisions governing the Board of Discipline.</li> <li>This revision reflects the requirements of Canon XVIII of General Synod and recent revisions in other Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada.</li> </ul>
	<b>Rules of Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised Rules of Order are proposed that reflect newer models of such rules in use in civil society as well as in other Dioceses.</li> <li>These revised Rules are envisioned as applicable for Vestries and other Committees of the Diocese.</li> <li>A new provision is Section 4 on ‘Order and Decorum’.</li> <li>A new distinction is made between ‘Courtesies of the Synod’ and ‘Privileges of the Floor’.</li> <li>A new standard is named: Kerr and King’s <i>Procedures for Meetings and Organizations</i>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Electoral Synod Rules of Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rules in use for the 2013 Election have been revised to reflect the provisions of Canons 2 and 3 enacted in October 2018.</li> </ul>