

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2021

[Please leave this language on your form:] In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: Special Rule of Order for Virtual Convention

RESOLVED: That the 116th Convention of the Diocese of Utah adopt this Special Rule of Order for the 2021 Diocesan Convention, which Special Rule shall supersede the existing Rules of Order prescribed in the Canons of the Diocese to the extent necessary to accommodate the requirements of a virtual meeting; as follows:

Special Rule of Order for 2021 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Utah

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah shall be conducted through use of an Internet meeting service designated by the Bishop that supports anonymous voting and visible displays (i) identifying those participating, (ii) identifying those seeking recognition to speak, (iii) showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and (iv) showing the results of votes. This electronic meeting of the Convention shall otherwise be subject to all rules adopted by the Convention to govern its annual meeting, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, members' participation. This and any such rules adopted by the Convention shall supersede any conflicting rules in *Roberts Rules of Order*. In addition, the following procedures shall apply:

- A. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a written ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the Constitution and Canons or rules that a vote be conducted by written ballot. Electronic votes shall be deemed anonymous.
- B. Whenever a ballot is expressly required by Canon or as so ruled by the Bishop, such ballot shall be taken electronically. Otherwise, whenever

the Bishop deems there to be no objection to a respective matter, the Bishop may rule the matter to be “adopted without objection.”

- C. Members shall be identified electronically upon signing into the electronic meeting and shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, but shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment.
- D. The presence of a quorum shall be established by the online list of participating members and certified by the Secretary.
- E. Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member’s individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
- F. In addition to display of pending motions or results of votes, video of the Bishop and any member currently recognized to speak or report shall be displayed throughout the meeting, as well as such other video displays as the Bishop designates in his discretion.

Date: April 24, 2021

Moved by Cn. Stephen F. Hutchinson, Esq.

Congregation/Organization: Convention
Committee on Planning and Arrangements