

PROVINCE IV

ORDINANCE I — THE SYNOD

Section 1. The Synod shall be composed of the Bishops, as described in Title I, Canon 9, Section 5 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Each Diocese of this Province shall have not more than eight (8) Deputy votes at the Synod just prior to the General Convention, and not more than six (6) Deputy votes at other Synods. The Bishops present also vote.

Section 2. A majority of the participating Dioceses with at least a minimum delegation present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Except in the case of the election of the President, as provided in Title I, Canon 9, Section 6, all questions and elections shall be determined by a simple majority of the Bishops and Deputies present and voting, provided however, upon demand of any Diocese, the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the participating Dioceses represented, voting as units, shall be required.

Section 4. There shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall serve for three (3) years, or until their successors are elected. They shall serve as the Executive Committee together with Provincial Representatives to Executive Council, the UTO Chairperson and the ECW Coordinator.

Section 5. Should an Officer of the Province, other than the President, be no longer able to serve, the president shall appoint someone to serve in the office until such time as the Synod shall meet, when there shall be an election to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

- a.) This same provision shall apply to elected members of the Executive Council no longer able to serve.
- b.) In the event the President is no longer able to serve, the Vice-President shall fill this office for the unexpired term of the President.

Section 6. The members of the Executive Committee, not otherwise members of the Synod, shall be given seat, voice, and vote at the Synods.

Section 7. The Synod shall meet at least once between General Conventions. It shall meet at the call of the President and shall meet upon the request of any five (5) of the participating Dioceses.

ORDINANCE II — ORGANIZATION OF THE SYNOD

Section 1. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in their absences, the Senior Diocesan Bishop present, shall call the Synod to order.

Section 2. The Synod is authorized to structure itself.

Section 3. Participating Dioceses are expected to remit to the Treasurer their proportionate shares of the expenses of the Synod and of projects approved by the Synod.

ORDINANCE III - OF THE COURT OF REVIEW

Section 1. The Province IV Court of Review of the Trial of a Priest or Deacon is established and shall be governed by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal church, specifically Title IV, Canon 4 (title IV), as the same may from time to time be amended.

Section 2. The panel of judges (Panel) composed of the number of persons qualified as provided by Title IV shall be elected by majority vote of those present as provided above in these Ordinances at the first meeting of the Synod during each triennial period between General Conventions of The Episcopal Church. Members of the Panel may be elected to successive terms and shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

ORDINANCE IV — OF AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Ordinances, with the exception of those required to fulfill the Canons of the Episcopal Church, may be altered by a vote of the Synod, and the changes shall take effect immediately.

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