

**STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA**

1. These are continuing resolutions, and they shall remain in force until amended or repealed by action of a Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.
2. It is the sense of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama that the Charter and Canons of the Diocese are and should be constitutional documents for the Diocese and its Parishes and other organizations and should include only matters appropriate thereto. The Charter and Canons adopted by this Convention have omitted many provisions previously contained in these documents, to provide maximum local choice, but except as specifically provided in the Charter and Canons adopted by this Convention, these omissions are not to be understood as expressing negative opinions as to existing practices and customs as were provided in the previous Charter, Constitution, and Canons.
3. Delegates to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama shall be certified to the Secretary of the Diocese by the Rector or Senior Warden of each Parish at such time prior to each annual meeting of the Convention and on such form as may be established, from time to time, by the Bishop.
4. The order of business for each meeting of the Convention shall be as published by the Bishop.
5. Resolutions to be presented to the Convention shall be submitted to the secretary of the diocese, in writing, at least twenty (20) working days prior to the opening of the Convention, copies of which resolutions shall be made available to all delegates to the Convention at least ten (10) working days prior to the opening thereof. Nothing in this section shall prevent new matters from being introduced to the Convention for its consideration or action either by the Bishop or the report of a committee of the Convention. Working days are defined as those days the diocesan office is open for business and do not include intervening Saturday, Sundays, and holidays.
6. The terms of all offices provided for in the Canons, unless otherwise specified by the Canons, shall begin with the adjournment of the Convention at which election or appointment thereto is made, and shall continue until the adjournment of the Convention at which successors are, in each case, appointed or elected.
7. Under the direction of the Bishop, the delegates from the respective Electoral Districts to the Diocesan Convention may meet and consider making preference nominations to the Convention for the offices that are to be filled by persons from such Electoral Districts. A person so nominated to the Convention may constitute the sole nomination, but there may be further nominations from the floor of the Convention.
8. In accordance with Canon 3, Section 8, of the canons of this Diocese, the Convention hereby provided that funds for the program of the Diocese, including the Episcopal Offices, shall be raised from the several Parishes by means of voluntary contributions from the several Parishes; which contributions shall be based upon the unrestricted and undesignated income of each Parish.
 - (a) The Convention hereby requests that the Bishop and the Diocesan Council provide to the several Parishes information and guidance to assist each Parish in determining the amount it will contribute each year.
 - (b) In order to provide for an orderly cash flow in the several Parishes and at the Diocesan level, the Convention hereby requests each Parish to remit to the Diocese on a monthly basis.
 - (c) This resolution shall take effect immediately as regards the raising of funds for years beginning 1981.
9. Those nominations of Diocesan officers and committees which are made by the Bishop and presented to the Convention for confirmation shall be distributed in written form for consideration by the delegates. If any delegate desires that a separate vote be held on any nominations, he or she shall notify the Secretary of the Convention. All others shall be presented later in the convention for a single vote of confirmation.
10. Smoking shall not be permitted in Carpenter House, in any enclosed building at Camp McDowell, or in any other enclosed building under the control of the Diocese during any Diocesan-sponsored event, including, without limitation, plenary sessions of the Convention and at meetings of any committee thereof. Parishes and other organizations are encouraged to

adopt similar policies.

11. It shall be the responsibility of the Diocesan Council to submit to each annual Diocesan Convention an annual budget which will provide an Operating Fund Balance (Reserve) of not less than 7% of the previous year's annual budget.
12. It shall be the norm in the diocese that Convention shall meet in a location within the diocese at least annually and that the venue shall be announced at the preceding Convention. The Convention, when meeting in a location that is not Camp McDowell, shall be hosted by a parish or parishes in the respective convocation. Convention shall be scheduled to occur during February at a time in the month allowing sufficient time for the preparation of the necessary reports and documents.
13. It shall be the norm that the number of delegates to convention assigned each parish shall be determined as provided in the canons of the diocese using communicant numbers obtained from the Parochial Report of each parish from the period two years prior to the year in which Convention shall meet.
14. It is resolved that the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama create a Diocesan Facilities Maintenance Fund (The Fund), to be administered by the Diocesan Council exclusively for major and/or emergency repairs to the Facilities. The Fund, and partial retirement of the debt for the St. Dunstan's repair project, are to be funded by applying surplus funds from Diocesan Operating Budgets. All such surplus funds will be applied exclusively to these two commitments, distributed between the two at the discretion of Diocesan Council, beginning with the 1999 fiscal year and continuing until such time as the amount of the Fund has reached \$150,000 and the debt has been retired. For investment purposes only, the Fund is to be co-mingled with the Trust Funds of the Diocese.

All investment proceeds allocated to the Fund, including both income and growth of principal, shall be available for distribution by Diocesan Council exclusively for preventive maintenance and routine repairs to the Facilities. The corpus of the Fund shall be reserved for major and/or emergency repairs to the Facilities. The Diocesan Council shall designate the Facilities to be covered by the Fund.

At any time the Fund balance drops below \$150,000 the entire surplus of the Diocesan Operating Budget shall be allocated to the Fund until the Fund is restored to a balance of \$150,000.

15. The convention shall elect one presbyter and two other communicants to be Trustees of the University of the South for three year, staggered terms, following the Bishop's nomination of proposed Trustees who shall meet the following criteria:
 - (a) Trustees shall be personally committed to the aims and purposes of the University as set forth in its Mission Statement and Constitution, Ordinances and other governing documents.
 - (b) Each Trustee shall demonstrate his or her personal commitment to the University by, among other things, attending the Board of Trustees annual May meeting, such other special meetings as may be called, and one orientation session for new Trustees, which sessions are held immediately prior to each annual meeting. Trustees shall also familiarize themselves with the Trustee Handbook and the University's governing documents, including its Charter, as amended, Constitution and Ordinances.
 - (c) Trustees shall serve as direct communicators between the University and the Diocese from which the Trustee was elected, and shall timely inform that Diocese of the actions of the Boards of Trustees and Regents and the University administration.
 - (d) Trustees shall provide a meaningful level of annual financial support to the University as a symbol of their commitment to its mission and financial well-being.

In the event a Trustee becomes unwilling or unable to serve, the bishop shall nominate a qualified communicant or presbyter, as appropriate to complete the remainder of the term.

16. All Resolutions presented to the convention, in any manner previously approved by actions of the Convention, shall contain only the “resolves” intended by the presenters. The background leading to the resolution and any other pertinent information shall be shared with the delegates at the time resolutions are disseminated and be presented to the Committee charged by the Bishop with handling each resolution by its presenters.