Resolution #7--PASSED

Amend Canon 2, Section 11 d

Resolved, That Canon 2, Section 11 d is hereby deleted and amended as follows:

d. ~~The Convention shall elect by ballot delegates to the synod of the Fifth Province, as provided by the Constitution of the Province. The delegates shall consist of one (1) member of the clergy and two (2) lay persons and their respective alternates, one (1) being elected at each annual Convention for a three (3) year term. In case the Convention shall fail to elect such delegates and alternates, or those duly elected are unable to serve, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall have the power to appoint suitable persons to these offices.~~

d. The number of delegates to the synod of the Fifth Province shall be determined by the Constitution of the Province. Clerical and lay deputies and alternates to the General Convention shall be designated in the number so specified as delegates to the provincial synod in order according to the number of votes each deputy received in the election for deputies to the General Convention.

Explanation

The synod of the Fifth Province meeting in the spring of 2004 amended its constitution so that it now convenes every third year in the same year as the General Convention. In effect it is no longer necessary for this diocese to elect delegates to the synod as has been done previously. Further, the work of the synod will now be similar to that of our own pre-convention deanery meetings. Consequently, it seems appropriate to have General Convention deputies also serve as delegates to the synod.

The clerical deputy to the General Convention receiving the highest number of votes will serve as the clerical delegate to the meeting of the synod and the clerical deputy receiving the second highest number of votes will serve as alternate.

The two lay deputies to the General Convention receiving the highest number of votes will serve as lay delegates to the meeting of the synod and the lay deputies receiving the third and fourth highest number of votes will serve as alternates.

In the event that any of the above are unable to serve, deputies and alternates in descending order shall serve in the positions.