

C-3 Amend Canon 12.5 – Due Date of Diocesan Pledge

Amend Canon 12.5 as follows:

Section 5. Each Vestry shall advise the Diocese ~~by November 30th~~ **not later than thirty (30) days before the date of the convening of the next Annual Convention** of the percentage of its annual disposable income that will be shared with the Diocese in support of Diocesan Programs and remit the resultant sum to the Treasurer of the Diocese in regular monthly installments. It shall be the joint duty of the Rector or Vicar and Vestry to submit to the Bishop by the first of ~~February~~ **March** of each year a parochial report for the year ending December 31st preceding, ~~which report shall be submitted in duplicate on the form prepared by the Executive Council.~~

Submitted by the Executive Board of the Diocese of Virginia

Rationale: This Canon was not updated when the timing of regular Annual Conventions was changed from February to November. The Canon previously provided that church pledges to the Diocese be made approximately 2 months before Convention to allow time for the Executive Board, the Convention Budget Committee and the Treasurer to prepare a draft budget with the best estimate possible of pledge income from churches, which is the primary category of income to fund the budget. This amendment restores some of that lead time for the orderly preparation an annual budget for The Diocese. The change in the parochial report due date is because of changes in the submission date and the procedure in which the parochial report is now reported to the National Church.