

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CANON FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Resolved, by the 227th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, for the avoidance of any doubt about the regularity of proceedings during the pandemic beginning in early 2020, and to provide guidance in the future, that the following new canonical provision is added:

Electronic Meeting Authorization.

Consistent with the provisions of Va. Code Section 13.1-844.2, concerning remote participation in annual and special meetings of Virginia Non-stock Corporations, this canon provides that meetings of congregations, vestries, regional councils, the Executive Board, the Standing Committee, and Convention, including elections to offices in these bodies and votes concerning the disposition or encumbrance of property, may be conducted by electronic means (including where appropriate, telephonic means), provided that the following standards are met:

- adequate notice (as defined in these canons) is provided
- the presence of a quorum is verified
- each member entitled to vote can hear clearly and can be heard
- reasonable means are provided for each member to review the written terms of matters on which the body is voting before voting occurs
- in advance of voting, the names of members eligible to vote is verified
- the results of votes are promptly made available to voting members.

Adoption of this canon shall not be construed to invalidate prior actions of these constitutional and canonical bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

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