

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR POSTED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTED DIOCESAN LEADERS

Resolved, by the 227th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, in order to help assure effective communication with our elected leaders, adopts the following Canon:

Each member of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee, and each General Convention and Provincial Synod Deputy and Alternate, shall provide the Secretary of the Diocese a current e-mail or surface mail address to receive communications from the clergy and people of the Diocese, which addresses shall be promptly posted electronically and updated as needed by the Secretary of the Diocese. Each Member, Deputy, or Alternate, as the case may be, shall make reasonable efforts to respond in a timely way to such communications.

Explanation: In order to assure that our people can communicate effectively with our elected leaders, particularly as General Convention approaches, it is very important that there be direct contact information to reach these elected leaders, and not simply reliance on a collective e-mail or postal box. This contact information will help assure accountability and transparency, and remove an obstacle that has in recent years to effective communication with the leadership. Leaders are expected to make reasonable efforts to respond in a timely way to our people.

Respectfully submitted,

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