

R-6: Assistant Bishops Resolution

The Committee recommends **adoption** of R-6 and requests that R-6 be placed on the Consent Agenda.

R-6 Approve the Creation of Assistant Bishop Positions

Resolved, That the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, receiving the opinions of its Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority and Bishop Diocesan-Elect that additional episcopal services are required for the Diocese, with the consent of the Standing Committee, approve the creation of the positions of Assistant Bishops, not more than two (2) of whom shall be actively serving at any one time, and authorize the Bishop Diocesan, after December 3, 2022, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to appoint bishops for the Assistant Bishop positions under such conditions as the Bishop Diocesan may determine. The authorization to appoint more than one Assistant Bishop to actively serve at any time shall expire upon the consecration of a Bishop Suffragan.

Submitted by:
The Standing Committee

Authority: General Convention Canon III.12.5

Rationale: With the resignation of Assistant Bishop Brooke-Davidson and the expected retirement of Bishop Susan Goff, the Diocese has limited Bishops, especially for a diocese our size. This resolution authorizes the appointment of not more than two Assistant Bishops by the Bishop Diocesan to serve at any one time until the consecration of a Bishop Suffragan, and one Assistant Bishop to serve after the election of a Bishop Suffragan. The term of an Assistant Bishop expires upon the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop Diocesan.