

Title 1

Canon 2

Section (b)

b. Elected Lay Delegates

Original Language:

1. A list of all duly elected Lay Delegates to the Synod of Congregations of the Diocese shall be compiled and maintained and kept current by the Registrar. The list shall contain the addresses and other appropriate contact information of each Lay Delegate and shall be published at least 30 days in advance of any meeting of the Synod. Any Lay Delegate whose name is not on the list who wishes to vote at the Synod shall bring the omission to the attention of the Registrar.

2. Each Congregation of the Diocese shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate. In addition, each Congregation having in excess of 150 Eligible Voters as that term is defined in Title I, Canon 6, Section 3.I.i.b shall be entitled to one additional Lay Delegate for each 150 above the first 150, except that the total number of Lay Delegates from any one Congregation shall not exceed seven. The number of Eligible Voters shall be based upon the current Annual Report prepared and filed in accordance with Title I, Canon 6, Section 8 of the Provincial Canons and these canons.

3. Each Congregation of the Diocese shall select its delegates according to its respective governing rules with no more than one alternate for each delegate so chosen and shall report its selection no later than ninety (90) days before the ensuing meeting of the Synod on a form prepared by the Registrar of the Diocese. An alternate shall qualify with the Synod Credentials Committee in order to be able to vote at a Synod meeting in the place of an absent delegate.

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2. Each Congregation of the Diocese shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate. In addition, each Congregation shall be entitled to additional Lay Delegates as follows:

- i. Congregations with an Average Sunday Attendance (“ASA”) of between 76 and 150 shall be entitled to one additional Lay Delegate;
- ii. Congregations with an ASA of between 151 and 225 shall be entitled to two additional Lay Delegates;
- iii. Congregations with an ASA of between 226 and 300 shall be entitled to three additional Lay Delegates;
- iv. Congregations with an ASA of between 301 and 375 shall be entitled to four additional Lay Delegates;
- v. Congregations with an ASA of between 376 and 450 shall be entitled to five additional Lay Delegates;
- vi. Congregations with an ASA of between 451 and 525 shall be entitled to six additional Lay Delegates;

Subject to the provisions of Title I Canon 3 (1)(a), no congregation shall be allowed more than a total of seven Lay Delegates to Synod.

For purposes of this Canon concerning Lay Delegates to Synod, ASA shall be based upon the most current Annual Report on file with the Province as of the date for congregations to report their selection of Lay Delegates to the Diocese.

Each Congregation of the Diocese shall select its delegates according to its respective governing rules, including appointment by the Vestry, with no more than one alternate for each delegate so chosen and shall report its selection no later than ninety (90) days before the ensuing meeting of the Synod on a form prepared by the Registrar of the Diocese. An alternate shall qualify with the Synod Credentials Committee in order to be able to vote at a Synod meeting in the place of an absent delegate.

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Proposed Amended Language

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