

A Resolution Concerning Voting Procedures

Whereas the 89th Council of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia will have the privilege of electing:

One lay and one clergy member to the Standing Committee;

Two lay and two clergy (one of whom has, by tradition, been the Bishop) delegates, and two lay and two clergy alternate delegates to the Provincial Synod;

One UTO Coordinator and one Assistant UTO Coordinator;

One lay and one clergy member to the Ecclesiastical Trial Court;

Four lay and four clergy deputies to General Convention;

Four lay and four clergy alternate deputies to General Convention; and,

Whereas each of the five (5) Convocations may submit a nominee for each of the positions; and,

Whereas it has in the past proved unduly cumbersome to elect such persons by majority vote, as the election procedures have only allowed the elimination of that person receiving the lowest number of votes per ballot; and

Whereas in order to expedite the balloting procedures, the Council has expressed its wish to reduce the number of ballots for election to such positions to not more than three (3);

Now therefore be it resolved by the 89th Council of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia as to elections among multiple nominees for Standing Committee, UTO Coordinator and Ecclesiastical Trial Court; that on the first ballot there be eliminated all but the three (3) candidates for each office receiving the highest number of votes; and in the case of clergy and lay delegates to Provincial Synod, those clergy candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot will be the three (3) clergy elected, i.e., one (1) clergy delegate and two (2) clergy alternates, and those lay candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot will be the four (4) lay elected, i.e., two (2) lay delegates and two (2) lay alternates; that the UTO Coordinator and Assistant UTO Coordinator shall be elected on the second ballot; and that the balloting for Standing Committee and Ecclesiastical Trial Court proceed among the three (3) remaining candidates and that on the second ballot, the one (1) candidate for each office receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated.

Be it further resolved as to elections for Deputies and Alternates to the General Convention, that there be one ballot for the Deputy nominees in each order who will be selected based upon the relative number of votes received, with those two Deputy nominees in each order who are not elected Deputy being declared the first Alternates in each order and a second ballot for the other three Alternate positions in each order, who will be selected based upon the relative number of votes received.

In general, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the positions in order of the number of votes received.