

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A162
TITLE: Amend Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.9(c)(4)
PROPOSER: Task Force on the Episcopacy
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-D048 Amend Title III Canons

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2006-A082 Amend Canons in Title III [Ministry]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see pages 756-757.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.11.9(c)(4) are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (c) Missionary Bishops
- 3 (1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and ~~Canons of this Church~~. *Canon III.11 Sections 1-8, this Canon III.11. 9(c) and Canon III.12.6.*
- 4 (4) When a Diocese, ~~entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect~~ *elects a Missionary Bishop* as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan, *or as an Assistant Bishop*, ~~Bishop; a Missionary Bishop of this Church~~, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

EXPLANATION

The amendment to Canon III.11.9(c)(1) clarifies the processes for election a Missionary Bishop, including the need to comply with the consent and missional review process set forth in Canon III.1.1. The amendment to Canon III.11.9(c)(4) clarifies that language of the Canon and provides that a Missionary Bishop may be elected as an Assistant Bishop.



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Title: Amend Title III Canons as follows:
Canon III.11.3 [Of the Ordination of Bishops]
Canon III.11.4(a) [Documents to Be Transmitted]
Canon III.11.9(b)-(c) [Objections to the Election Process]
Canon III.11.10(c) [Election of Missionary Bishops]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred
Final Text:

[Resolved, that Canon III.11.10 be amended to read as follows:]

Canon III.11.10(c)(4-6)

~~(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan; a Missionary Bishop of this Church, if such election shall have taken place within one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Convention, and the concurrence of each House, and its express consent, shall be necessary to the validity of said election, and shall complete the same, so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop of the Diocese which has elected such Bishop.~~

~~(5) If the election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred and twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the report shall be sent with the evidence of election and testimonials as provided in Section 3(a) of this Canon.~~

~~(6) If the election of the Missionary Bishop has taken place more than one hundred twenty days before a meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.~~

Citation: Canon III.11.10 is excerpted from the Final Text of 2012-D045, which revised Canons in Title III.11.3-4 and III.11.9-10. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 725-728.