

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-D035
TITLE: Amend Canon III.9 regarding Reconciliation and Mediation Between Clergy
PROPOSER: The Rev. Dr. Molly James
TOPIC: Canons

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None

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

2015-A115 Amend Canon III.12.9 [Life and Work of a Bishop: the Pastoral Relation]
2009-D006 Amend Canons III.9.12-21 [Reconciliation and Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation]

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.9 be amended to add the following section:
- 2 *Sec. 16. Reconciliation of Disagreements affecting the Collegial Relationship between Clergy serving in the same Diocese*
- 3 *When the pastoral relationship between individual clergy serving in the same diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, either party may petition the Bishop Diocesan, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the conflict. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Bishop Diocesan of the nature, causes, and specifics of the dissension. The Bishop Diocesan shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate, which may include the appointment of a consultant or qualified mediator. The Bishop Diocesan may also serve as the mediator, at the bishop's discretion. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Bishop Diocesan, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings, after an agreed-upon period of time, lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the involved clergy.*

EXPLANATION

These amendments provide a process for reconciliation among clergy. These processes parallel those for reconciliation between a bishop and a diocese.