

**2016 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-1**  
**Submitted by the Executive Board of the Diocese**

**CANON VI**

**OF NOMINATIONS**

SECTION 1. A Diocesan Nominating Committee shall be ~~elected~~appointed annually by the Executive Board, and be composed of ~~one member of the clergy and one member of the laity from each of the convocations~~those members of the Executive Board whose terms are ending in the Council year, and such other persons as the Executive Board may from time to time appoint.

SECTION 2. The Committee in consultation with the Convocation Deans, shall meet and draft a slate of nominations at least sixty days preceding Council. ~~Each member of the Committee shall solicit and report all recommendations for nominations received from the Convocation.~~ The Committee may nominate any person without prior recommendation. No nominations shall be made for any position for which specific provision is made in the Constitution or Canons.

SECTION 3. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of persons to include nominees for ~~deputies~~Deputies to the General Convention. In formulating a slate of nominees for the General Convention, the Nominating Committee shall:

- (a) Seek out actively a slate which is representative in terms of sex, race, age, geography, and size of congregation.
- (b) Ensure that at least half the nominees in each order have not served previously as elected deputies.
- (c) As a precondition of nomination, require of each prospective nominee a commitment, if elected, to:
  - (1) Prepare adequately for full participation in the legislative process of the House of Deputies;
  - (2) Attend all sessions of the House unless replaced by a duly certified alternate, or unless prevented for serious cause.

~~———— (d) Present a slate of at least twice as many in each order as necessary to fill deputy and alternate positions.~~

SECTION 4. The report of the Committee shall include brief biographical information for each person nominated for distribution to council members prior to the council. The report shall not preclude nominations from the floor.

**RATIONALE: The nomination process had become cumbersome, unwieldy, and an 18 member Nomination Committee was unmanageable. The proposed amendment to Section 1 streamlines the process of establishing Nominating Committee membership. The proposed amendment to Section 2 streamlines the nominating process.**

**The proposed amendment to Section 3 eliminates the requirement for election of General Convention deputies to have twice as many candidates in each order as positions for election. This change recognizes the on-going difficulty of finding 8 clergy and 8 lay candidates for 4 clergy and 4 lay deputy positions.**