

What do we want the canons to address?

- A. None of the titles—vicar, rector, priest in charge apply (or necessarily apply).
- B. Material currently for parish and for mission—we need canons to describe how a total ministry congregation might work. Especially surrounding issues of authority.
- C. Relationship of vestry to team and warden to team to vestry.
- D. Authority of team.
- E. Vestry = property, finances, coordination
- F. Team = parish council: programmatic. But parish council is not in the canons
- G. Who signs off on the lay eucharistic minister forms?
- H. Who finds supply clergy? Team, team administrator, senior warden? Senior warden by canons.
- I. Modification of vestry in a total ministry setting.
- J. Modification of a priest and deacon within a total ministry team.
- K. Votes at convention.
- L. Legal implications.

What next?

Ask permission to work on modifying canons: task-group drawn from constitution committee and total ministry etc.

Resolution

Whereas the Diocesan Canons currently provide for parishes and missions with rectors, priests in charge and vicars, as appropriate; and

Whereas the diocese has 107 congregations, both missions and parishes, with total ministry teams or total ministry teams in formation, some with and some without rectors, priests in charge or vicars; and

Whereas the legal and canonical responsibilities of vestries, wardens, stipendiary clergy and total ministry teams are not clearly defined in our Diocesan canons or elsewhere;

We resolve that a task-group be formed by the bishop to draft revised diocesan canons to be brought to the Diocesan Convention in 2009. This task-group should include members with experience in total ministry teams, total ministry mentors, members of the Canons and Constitution Committee, the canon theologian, members of standing committee and the Mission Strategy Network and others as appropriate.

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