

To: Members of the Clergy of the Diocese of North Carolina  
From: Joseph S. Ferrell, Secretary of the Convention  
Re: 2009 Voting Status  
Date: August 27, 2009

Please recall that the following members of the clergy have canonical voting privileges in Convention. **No application is necessary for those in these categories.**

- Rectors elected by a parish vestry pursuant to Canon 26, Sec. 2;
- Assistants called by a rector pursuant to Canon 26, Sec. 4;
- Interim rectors, vicars, priests-in-charge, and other members of the clergy placed in charge of a parish or mission by the Ecclesiastical Authority (this does not include supply clergy not formally assigned by the bishop);
- Deacons assigned to a particular ministry by the Bishop;
- Canons, Chaplains and other members of the diocesan staff appointed by the Bishop;
- Church Planters assigned by the Bishop to serve emerging congregations not yet in Union with Convention;
- Chaplains or headmasters serving schools and institutions recognized by the Bishop as affiliated with The Episcopal Church.

Priests Associate may be granted voting status **upon annual application of the rector and vestry. Applications for 2009 must be submitted to Bishop Curry no later than September 15, 2008.**

All other members of the clergy canonically and actually resident in the Diocese have seat and voice in Convention, but not vote.