

**Resolution 2 -**  
***Proposed amendment to Canon 1***

***Originator:*** The Diocesan Council

Sec. 1. Each congregation in union with the Convention is entitled to a maximum of four (4) *congregational* lay delegates to the Convention, and to a corresponding number of alternate *congregational* delegates. Immediately upon the admission of a congregation into union with the Convention its delegates shall be entitled to vote.

~~Sec. 2. Each lay delegate has one (1) vote in the Convention.~~

~~Sec. 3-2. Each lay delegate and alternate must be an adult (sixteen years of age or older) Each *congregational lay delegate and alternate must be sixteen years of age or older and a communicant in good standing (as defined by Title I, Canon 17, Sec. 2 and 3 (Of Regulations Respecting the Laity) of the Canons of the General Convention) in the congregation which they represent. No person under ecclesiastical censure is eligible to be a lay delegate or alternate to the Convention.*~~

Sec. 4-3. The *congregational* lay delegates and alternates are to be elected by a simple majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting of the congregation to serve from the time of election. The Clerk of the Vestry shall send a Congregational Data Form containing the names and addresses of the newly elected *congregational* lay delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Convention at the Diocesan Center on or before March 1 each year. If, at the time of the Annual or any Special Convention, a congregation has fewer than four (4) duly elected Delegates and Alternates willing to serve, the Vestry of that congregation may elect a sufficient number of qualified persons to so serve. The Clerk of the Vestry shall provide a list of such persons to the Secretary of the Convention before such persons may be recognized as Delegates and/or Alternates.

Sec. 5-4. The *congregational* lay delegates of any congregation which has failed to file the annual report required by Title I, Canon 12, Sec. 2 on or before March 1 of any year shall lose their vote at the next Annual Convention and any intervening Special Conventions, except as determined by the Bishop with the consent of the Convention.

*Sec. 5. The Bishop, with the advice of relevant Diocesan staff and committees, may appoint four (4) Bishop's lay delegates and four (4) Bishop's lay alternates. Each Bishop's lay delegate and alternate must be a student in grades 9 through 12, or its equivalent, and a member of a congregation in union with the Convention. The Bishop shall have the authority to fill any vacancies that may occur in these positions.*

*Sec. 6. Each congregational lay delegate and Bishop's lay delegate shall have voice and one (1) vote.*