

Title: Diocesan Council Membership - Chancellor and Vice Chancellor

Proposer: The Chancellor's Office

1. Be it resolved that Canon IX, Section 1, of the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri be amended as follows:

2. **CANON IX - DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

4. SECTION 1. The Diocesan Council shall be composed of the following members: ~~the~~
5. Bishop of the Diocese, ~~the~~ Bishop Coadjutor, and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be such;
6. the Secretary, ~~and~~ the Treasurer, ~~and other officers of the Diocese~~ the Chancellor; eight
7. laypersons and four clergy elected by the Annual Convention, and four laypersons
8. appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Vice Chancellor shall be an ex-officio member,
9. with seat and voice, but with no vote unless sitting in the Chancellor's stead and directed to
10. do so by the Chancellor in the Chancellor's absence. The Annual Convention shall elect four
11. laypersons and two clergy to serve as members of Council for a two-year period, and the
12. Bishop shall appoint two laypersons to serve for a two-year period. No member of the
13. Diocesan Council may be elected to serve for more than three (3) consecutive two-year
14. terms.

Explanation:

Canon IX, Section 1, sets forth the members of Diocesan Council. The Chancellor has long been a member of Diocesan Council with seat, voice, and vote, no different than the Secretary and the Treasurer, two other enumerated officers of the Diocese. This amendment would explicitly list the Chancellor as a member of the body, as opposed to the more ambiguous "other officers of the Diocese" language. In addition, this amendment would allow the Vice Chancellor to serve as an ex-officio member of the body, with seat and voice only. However, the amendment would allow the Vice Chancellor to vote in the Chancellor's place in those situations where the Chancellor is absent from a meeting and authorizes the Vice Chancellor to vote in his or her place. Under Robert's Rules of Order, only the single voting member of the Chancellor's Office (either the Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor, as the case may be) would be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.