

**Title:** Renaming Associate Chancellor to Vice Chancellor

**Proposer:** The Chancellor's Office

1. Whereas, the deputy legal officer of The Diocese of West Missouri is known as the  
2. Associate Chancellor; and

3. Whereas, the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal  
4. Church refer to this position as the Vice Chancellor; and

5. Whereas, a large number of other Dioceses from across the country refer to this  
6. position as the Vice Chancellor; and

7. Whereas, changing the title of Associate Chancellor to Vice Chancellor would bring the  
8. title of the position in line with the National Church and sister Dioceses.

9. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the deputy legal officer of The Diocese of West  
10. Missouri be known as the Vice Chancellor; and

11. Be it further resolved that the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri  
12. be amended to reflect this change by striking the term "Associate Chancellor" and  
13. replacing it with "Vice Chancellor" wherever it appears, to wit:

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19. THE CHANCELLOR AND ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR

20. SECTION 6. The Convention shall, on the nomination of the Ecclesiastical Authority,  
21. elect a Chancellor and ~~an Associate~~ a Vice Chancellor. If a vacancy in the office of the  
22. Chancellor or the ~~Associate~~ Vice Chancellor occurs, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall  
23. appoint a qualified person to fill such office until the next Convention, which shall elect  
24. a Chancellor and ~~an Associate~~ Vice Chancellor for the full term of three years, on  
25. nomination of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

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## 26. ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

27. SECTION 1. The members of the Convention shall be the Bishop, the Bishop  
28. Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop, and Archdeacons, when there be such, every cleric in  
29. good standing in the Church who is canonically resident in this Diocese; also the  
30. Treasurer and the Associate Treasurer of the Diocese; also the Secretary of the  
31. Diocese; also the Chancellor and the ~~Associate~~ Vice Chancellor of the Diocese; also the  
32. Registrar of the Diocese, and also lay delegates from every Parish and Congregation in  
33. union with the Diocese duly chosen and entitled to seats, as hereinafter provided.

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### Explanation:

The National Church refers to the deputy legal officer of a diocese as the Vice Chancellor. We surveyed approximately 30 Dioceses from across the country – contiguous, regional, large, small – and found that all but one referred to this position as the Vice Chancellor. This resolution would bring the name of the position in line with the National Church and our sister Dioceses.

This is the second reading of a change to the Constitution. It was adopted at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri. As such, the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention must adopt this resolution on a vote by orders for it to go into effect.