

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALASKA

ARTICLE I

Title and Bounds of The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

This Diocese is designated The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, and embraces all of the State of Alaska. It shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska as a non-profit corporation.

Title and Bounds

ARTICLE II

Conformity

The Church in this Diocese being a constituent part of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America hereby affirms its accession to the Constitution and Canons as established by the General Convention.

Accession to General Constitution and Canons

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section 1: All communicants in good standing of all Parishes and Missions of The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska are members of the corporation.

Members

Section 2: The government and administration of the Diocese is entrusted to the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention of the Diocese, the Standing Committee, and such other functionaries as may be prescribed by proper authority. The Bishop, the Convention, and the Standing Committee have jurisdiction and authority throughout the Diocese in all matters of doctrine, discipline and worship, subject to the Constitution and Canons, General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska.

Government and Administration

Section 3: The Officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary who shall be elected by the Standing Committee as provided by Canon; and a Treasurer, a Chancellor, and a Registrar-Historian elected by the Convention of the Diocese in the manner provided by Canon.

Officers

Section 4: The Bishop is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. In the absence or inability of the Bishop to serve, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all proper purposes.

Ecclesiastical Authority

Section 5: The Diocesan Convention is the Legislative Authority of the Diocese. It is composed of Clergy and Lay Delegates as provided by the Canons. The Diocesan Convention shall meet at such time and place as the previous Convention shall direct. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese has the power to call a Special Diocesan Convention provided thirty (30) days notice thereof is given to all Clergy and Congregations entitled to representation, in writing, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted.

Legislative Authority

Special Diocesan Convention

ARTICLE III, cont.

Section 6: The Standing Committee shall act for the Convention in all matters not expressly reserved to the Convention between meetings of the Convention, and shall exercise all functions prescribed by General and Diocesan Canons.

*Standing
Committee*

ARTICLE IVElection of a Bishop

Section 1: The Election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be by the regular Convention or by a Special Convention called for that purpose in accordance with the requirements of the Canons.

By Convention

Section 2: A Bishop shall be elected by a concurrent majority vote of the Clergy and Laity, the two (2) Orders voting separately.

Voting

Section 3: Nominations for the office of Bishop shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Canon.

Nominations

ARTICLE VProvisions for Canons

Section 1: The Diocesan Convention shall provide such Canons for the conduct of the business and the carrying out of the purposes of the Diocese consistent with the General Constitution and Canons, the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, and the laws of the State of Alaska.

*Provision
for Canons*

Section 2: Canons may be amended by the Diocesan Convention in the manner provided by Canon.

*Amendment
of Canons*

ARTICLE VIAmendment of the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by the Diocesan Convention acting on a resolution submitted in writing to the Committee on Constitution and Canons at least thirty (30) days prior to a regular Convention. If approved by a majority of the Convention, it shall lie over until the next regular Convention when, upon consideration again, if it be passed or as amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the amendment shall become effective.

*Amendment of
Constitution*

The adoption of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska shall be by majority vote of the primary Convention, subject to amendment and ratification after one year of trial use.

*Adoption of
Constitution
and Canons*