

VI. Special Rules for Virtual / Distance Conventions

The 174th Annual Convention (the "Annual Convention") of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee (the "Diocese") shall be conducted through use of an Internet meeting service (the "Meeting Service") designated by the Committee of the Diocese planning the convention (the "Convention Committee") that supports anonymous voting and visible displays (i) identifying those participating, including each participant's name and parish, (ii) designating whether each participant is allowed to vote at the Annual Convention; (iii) identifying those participants seeking recognition to speak, (iv) showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and (v) showing the results of votes.

This electronic meeting of the Annual Convention shall otherwise be subject to the rules set forth herein and all rules adopted by the Annual Convention to govern its annual meeting (collectively the "2021 Rules"), which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, participants' participation. The 2021 Rules shall supersede any conflicting rules in Robert's Rules of Order.

Specific rules governing the Convention are as follows:

- A. Each participant will be required to register through the Meeting Service such participant's attendance at the Annual Convention and provide such information as is requested by the administrator of the Annual Convention (the "Administrator"), including confirmation that such participant has appropriate technological access to the Annual Convention.
- B. The Convention Committee, in consultation with the Administrator, will select any and all voting applications ("Voting Apps"), that will be used during the Annual Convention, which Voting Apps will allow the Administrator to count votes cast for and against a matter, and which will work in conjunction with the Meeting Service.
- C. **An anonymous vote conducted through the appropriate Voting App shall be deemed a written ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the Constitution and Canons or rules that a vote be conducted by written ballot. Votes shall be deemed anonymous so long as votes cast by an individual are available only to the Administrator.**
- D. **All votes required at the Annual Convention will be conducted through the use of the appropriate approved Voting App. No voice votes will be taken at the Annual Convention.**

- E. Participants shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the Annual Convention whenever present, but shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment.
- F. **The presence of a quorum shall be established by the online list of participants registered through the Meeting Service.**
- G. **Each participant is responsible for such participant's audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a participant's individual connection prevented participation in the Annual Convention.**
- H. The Chairperson may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a participant's connection if it is causing undue interference with the Annual Convention. The Chairperson's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any participant, shall be announced during the Annual Convention and recorded in the minutes of the Annual Convention.
- I. **In addition to display of pending motions or results of votes, video of the Chairperson and any participant currently recognized to speak or report shall be displayed throughout the Annual Convention, as well as such other video displays as the Chairperson designates at his or her discretion.**