

92nd Diocesan Convention Delegations and Voting Procedures

Given that the Covid-19 virus has forced the Diocese of Eau Claire to hold the 92nd Annual Convention virtually via the Zoom Webinar platform, several aspects of the Convention will function differently from previous years. The main difference is that we will all be in our own spaces rather than gathering together in one room. Though we will surely miss the opportunity to share in fellowship with one another, we must still be able to handle the business of Convention with Canonical validity. To that end, there are two aspects of voting that everyone must understand fully: (1) **Proxy Voting** and (2) **General Voting Procedures**.

(1) **Proxy Voting**: Due to the necessity for reliable internet access and functional knowledge of the Zoom video-conference system, Proxy Voters and being allowed for the 92nd Annual Convention. Any delegate who does not have sufficient computer accessibility, or who is not comfortable using the Zoom system, may use a Proxy Voter. The Proxy voter can be selected by the delegate in consultation with their parish clergy, or can be assigned by the Bishop's office. In either case, the Proxy Voter must register with the Diocesan Office and signify the parish on whose behalf they will be voting.

(2) **General Voting Procedures**: In the Zoom Webinar interface the "polling function" allows us to tally votes on each portion of the Agenda requiring consent or approval. For each agenda item, a poll will appear on the screen clearly stating the item for which you are voting. Each item will be presented verbally before the poll begins. The the voting tally will be shown and recorded.

A) In the case of Resolution 2020-1, a super-majority of 2/3 will be required for approval.

B) In the case of Resolution 2020-2, the vote will be separated by orders, with separate options for Lay Delegates and Clergy. Be sure you are voting under the correct heading.

Holding our Annual Convention in an entirely virtual setting is completely new to all of us, and we completely understand any concerns or trepidation you might have concerning the process. Our convention has been built based on the knowledge of dozens of dioceses that have already held their convention this year and is structured to keep our convention business as close as possible to our standard yearly gathering. As you and your delegation prepare for convention, please make sure that everyone has had ample time to review the Convention Documents available on the Diocesan Website and that you have planned to have a full delegation (with Proxy Voters if necessary) with reliable technology and internet access, so that they can engage with Convention as fully as possible.

If you have any questions, contact the Rev'd Canon Aaron Zook at the Diocesan Office as soon as possible.