

Proposed Canonical Amendments
Quebec Diocesan Synod
November 21-24, 2019

The following Proposed Canonical Amendments were presented to the D.E.C. at a meeting on September 19, 2019. These will be presented at Synod.

Please note that the D.E.C. will be striking a sub-committee in order to streamline, flag, address a number of Canons/articles that are deemed problematic, require clarification, are redundant, or are unclear. The sub-committee will be struck at or soon after Synod.

The existing set of Constitution and Canons may be accessed at the following web site:

<https://quebec.anglican.ca/resources>

| Reference | Proposal | Rationale |
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| Canon 1: Definitions and Interpretations | Add: The definitions appear in alphabetical order | Definitions are presently added at the end of the list. Will make it easier to reference. |
| Appendix C: Election, Appointment... | Re-name it as Canon 33 | It is a Canon, not an Appendix |
| Canon 3, article 3 | To read: 3. The current provincial Canon referred to in article 1 shall be published as part of the Quebec Diocesan Canons as Canon 33 . | To have it align with the new Canon 33 (see above) |
| Appendix A: Article 6. Privileges of the House | To read: Following the election of officers, if that was necessary, the Synod shall recognize and grant Privileges of the House to others at this time or as required at any time during any sitting of Synod. | Need to strike out references to Diocesan President of the ACW and to the Executive Director; these two positions do not exist anymore Allows for Synod to continue to grant Privileges at any time. |

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| <p>Canon 14: Archdeaonries and Deaneries Article 4.B.iii.c)</p> | <p>To read: c) an elected lay person from a Parish where the person who attended Synod as the lay delegate from that Parish has resigned, died, has formally become a member of another vestry within the diocese or has moved their permanent residence outside the boundaries of the diocese of Quebec.</p> | <p>Add the word “resigned” to allow a parochial person to be replaced due to a resignation.</p> |
| <p>Canon 14: Archdeaonries and Deaneries Article 4.H.</p> | <p>Add the following to end of text: ... if this person has not been duly replaced.</p> | <p>A person who has (resigned), died, become a member of another vestry or has moved... yet has not been replaced, will not count towards quorum. When that parochial member is replaced, that person counts for quorum.</p> |
| <p>Canon 23: Parish Records... Article 3</p> | <p>To amend the first sentence to read: Not later than April 15th of every year and not later than September 15th of every year for summer congregations, the Corporation of each Parish shall submit to Synod, through the Diocesan Office, a report on the full operation of the Parish and the election of Parish officers.</p> | <p>Allows more time for vestry meetings and for submitting documents to Synod Office. Recognizes that summer congregations meet over the summer and have vestry meetings at that time. March 15 is changed to April 15</p> |
| <p>Canon 26: The Care and Administration of Cemeteries Article 4</p> | <p>To amend the date of March 15th to April 15th.</p> | <p>To sync with proposed amendment on Canon 23 (above).</p> |
| <p>Canon 15: Vestry Meetings, Churchwardens... Article 12</p> | <p>Such Deputy Church-wardens must be 18 years of age.</p> | <p>Increase age requirement from 16 to 18 (legal age)</p> |

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| | Any reference to “Executive Archdeacon” be replaced with “Vicar General” . | The term “Executive Archdeacon” no longer applies to this diocese. |
| Appendix A: Order of Proceedings Article 5.C. | Article to read: The office holders so elected will be appointed to the office immediately upon election in the case of a vacancy or up to three months following the prorogation of Synod in the case of a holder elected to replace either the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary who has filled the maximum term. | Increases the transition time from two months to a maximum of three months for the replacement of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary. |
| Canon 5: Procedures for the Election... Article 4 | Remove the phrase: “...and to belong to no other religious denomination”. Text presently reads: Electors, being all Parishioners within the Parishes in the region, of full legal age who shall have declared themselves in writing at the parish’s annual vestry meeting, to be “members of the Anglican Church of Canada, and to belong to no other religious denomination,” shall have the right of voting at the election. | Phrase may be redundant/unnecessary since if you are a member of the ACC, you are not a member of another religious denomination. |