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3 Constitution change in Resolution 2

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5 Article I, Sections 1-6

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7 Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church; in which all members shall
8 meet together as one body. Each of the three orders – Bishop, Clerical, and Lay – may
9 meet consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall
10 sit and deliberate separately; except as the constitution, canon, or rule of order may
11 otherwise provide. On any matter requiring a vote, any order may choose to deliberate
12 and/or vote separately. and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed
13 subject to such rules of order as may be adopted to assure fairness. Either House may
14 originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be
15 authenticated by both Houses.

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17 Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, and
18 every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of
19 advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the
20 General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the
21 General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat
22 and a vote in the House of Bishops General Convention. A majority of all Bishops and
23 Deputies entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or
24 positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of General
25 Convention business.

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27 Sec. 3. At the General Convention next before the expiration of the term of office of the
28 Presiding Bishop, it the General Convention shall elect one of the Bishops of this Church
29 having jurisdiction as the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The Presiding Bishop of the
30 Church shall serve as a co-chair of General Convention. The House of Bishops shall
31 choose one of the Bishops of this Church to be the Presiding Bishop of the Church by a
32 vote of a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, except that
33 whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice,
34 such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies. Candidates for the
35 Presiding Bishop shall be elected by the General Convention, by concurrent vote of each
36 order. The affirmative vote of a majority of the deputies of each order shall be required
37 for the election of a Presiding Bishop. The term and tenure of office and duties and
38 particulars of the election not inconsistent with the preceding provisions shall be
39 prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention. But if the Presiding Bishop of the
40 Church shall resign the office as such, or if by reason of infirmity shall become disabled,
41 or in case of death, the Bishop who, according to the Rules of the House Order of
42 Bishops, becomes its Presiding Officer, shall (unless the date of the next General
43 Convention is within three months) immediately call a special meeting of the House
44 Convocation of Bishops, to elect a member thereof to be the Presiding Bishop. The
45 certificate of election on the part of the House Convocation of Bishops shall be sent by
46 the Presiding Officer to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, and if a

47 majority of the Standing Committees of the Ddioceses shall concur in the election, the
48 Bishop elected shall become the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

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50 Sec. 4. In addition, ~~T~~the Church in each Ddiocese which has been admitted to union with
51 the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the
52 Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the
53 ~~House of Deputies~~ General Convention by ~~not more than four~~ three ordained persons,
54 ~~Presbyters-priests~~ or Ddeacons, canonically resident in the Ddiocese and not more than
55 ~~four~~ three Lay Ppersons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing
56 in the Ddiocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Ddiocese; but the General
57 Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in
58 each order. Each Ddiocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall
59 prescribe the manner in which its Ddeputies shall be chosen. To constitute a quorum for
60 the transaction of business, the Clerical order shall be represented by at least one Ddeputy
61 in each of a majority of the Ddioceses entitled to representation, and the Lay order shall
62 likewise be represented by at least one Ddeputy in each of a majority of the Ddioceses
63 entitled to representation.

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65 Sec. 5. The vote on all questions ~~which~~ that come before the ~~House of~~
66 ~~Deputies~~ General Convention shall be governed by the following provisions,
67 supplemented by such procedural provisions as the ~~House of~~
68 ~~Deputies~~ General Convention may adopt in its Rules of Order:

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70 Unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the
71 Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution ~~or unless a vote by~~
72 ~~orders on a question is required,~~ voting by orders shall not be required, and the
73 affirmative vote of a majority of all of the Deputies present and voting shall
74 suffice to carry any question. When voting by orders is required, unless a greater
75 vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not
76 specifically dealt with by this Constitution, the affirmative vote of a majority of
77 all Deputies of each order (clergy, lay, and Bishops) present and voting shall
78 suffice to carry any question. A vote by orders on any question shall be taken if
79 required for that question by this Constitution or by the Canons or if the Clerical
80 or Lay or Bishop representation from three or more separate Dioceses shall so
81 request at the time ~~of~~ for the call for the vote on that question. In ~~all~~
82 ~~eases of a vote by orders~~ voting by orders, the vote of each order, ~~Clerical and~~
83 Lay,
84 shall be counted separately, each order in each Ddiocese shall have one vote, and
85 a vote in the affirmative by an order in a Ddiocese shall require the affirmative
86 vote of a majority of the Deputies present in that order in that Ddiocese. To carry
87 in the affirmative
88 any question being voted on by orders requires concurrence in the affirmative by
89 ~~both~~ all orders and, unless a greater vote is required by this Constitution or by the
90 Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, concurrence in
91 the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that order by a
92 majority of the Ddioceses present in that order.

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94 ~~Sec. 6. In either House any number~~ At the General Convention, a majority vote of those
95 Deputies present, even though less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day. ~~Neither~~
96 ~~House, without the consent of the other, shall adjourn for more than three days, or to any~~
97 ~~place other than that in which the Convention shall be sitting.~~

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