

ARTICLE 14
TITLE TO CHURCH PROPERTY

Article 14 (current)

The title to all real estate acquired for the use of the Church in this Diocese, including the real property of all Parishes and Missions, as well as Diocesan Institutions, shall be held subject to control of the Church in The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth acting by and through a corporation known as "Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth." All such property as well as all property hereafter acquired for the use of the Church and the Diocese, including Parishes and Missions, shall be vested in Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth shall hold real property acquired for the use of a particular Parish or Mission in trust for the use and benefit of such Parish or Mission. The income from such property shall belong to such Parish or Mission, which will be responsible for expenses attributable thereto. Such property may not be conveyed, leased or encumbered by Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth without the consent of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of such Parish or Mission. Upon dissolution of such Parish or Mission, property held in trust for it shall revert to said Corporation for the use and benefit of the Diocese, as such.

All other property belonging to the Diocese, as such, shall be held in the name of the Corporation known as "Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth", and no conveyance or encumbrance of any kind shall be valid unless executed by such Corporation and as may otherwise be provided by the Canons of the Diocese.

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Article 14 (proposed amendment addition to existing Article 14)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained above, the provisions in this Article shall not apply to any existing congregation holding title to its property and making application on or after January 1, 2011, for union with the Convention of this Diocese under Canon 22, as amended; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit such existing congregation from voluntarily conveying to the "Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth" title to its real property to be held in trust by such Corporation as provided in this Article.

Explanation

This is a new provision to Article 14 that is designed to facilitate the union with the Diocese of those existing congregations, formerly associated with other ecclesiastical bodies that, as a result of prior bitter experience, do not wish to alienate or to surrender control of their property to the Diocese or the Diocesan Corporation.