

CANON 35

DEANERIES

Current version – effective since Nov. 2001:

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Sec. 35.6 A Lay Person from each Deanery Council is elected for a one (1) year term to serve as Sub-Dean. This person assists the Dean with agenda, business, secretarial and financial concerns of the Deanery and presides at Meetings in the absence of the Dean. The Deanery Council may conduct other business as from time to time seems necessary for the furtherance of the Mission of the Church in the Deanery or as the Bishop or Executive Council of the Diocese may require.

PROPOSED CANON 35 – PAGE 2

Proposed revision – with additions underlined and in bold type. The sentence to be removed is indicated by strike-through type.

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In addition to the Pre-Convention meeting the Deanery Council shall meet at least one other time in the course of the year for the purpose of disseminating information from the Executive Council Meetings and as seems necessary for the furtherance of the Mission of the Church in the Deanery or as the Bishop or Executive Council of the Diocese may require.

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The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommends adoption.