

CANON 1
MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

Sec. 1.1 Every Parish and Mission in union with the Convention shall be entitled to Lay Delegates determined by the number of confirmed adult communicants in good standing reported in the Annual Parochial Report for the year ending December 31 next preceding the Diocesan Convention according to the following table:

100 or less – 1 Delegate	751 through 1,050 – 6 Delegates
101 through 200 – 2 Delegates	1,051 through 1,400 – 7 Delegates
201 through 300 – 3 Delegates	1,401 through 2,000 – 8 Delegates
301 through 500 – 4 Delegates	2,001 through 2,750 – 9 Delegates
501 through 750 – 5 Delegates	2,751 and over – 10 Delegates

In no case shall a Parish have more than ten (10) Lay Delegates.

Sec. 1.2 The selection of the Lay Delegates shall be certified in writing by the Secretary or Clerk of the Vestry of the Parish or Mission; but, in the absence of the Secretary or Clerk, such certificates of election may be signed by one of the Wardens, or by the Rector or Vicar of such Parish or Mission. The "Certificate of Election of Lay Delegates" shall show upon its face that their election as Delegates has been made pursuant to this Canon.

Sec. 1.3 Each Parish and Mission shall elect Alternate Lay Delegates equal in number to the number of Lay Delegates to which entitled. In the absence of a Lay Delegate, an Alternate Lay Delegate from the same Parish or Mission shall have all rights and privileges of a Lay Delegate. The election of Alternate Lay Delegates shall be certified in the same manner as provided for Lay Delegates.

Sec. 1.4 The Rectors of Parishes and Vicars of Missions shall have authority to fill such vacancies as may occur in the list of Alternate Lay Delegates between the time of such election and any meetings of The Convention.

Sec. 1.5 Immediately before the meeting of each Convention, the Bishop, or in case of his death or inability to act, the Standing Committee, shall prepare a list of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, excluding those who have been suspended from the Ministry. The list shall be filed with the Secretary of the Convention on the first day of its meeting, and shall be prefixed to the Journal.

Sec. 1.6 All priest certified under Sec. 1.5 are voting members of this Convention.

Sec. 1.7 All deacons shall be entitled to seat and voice but no vote.

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CANON 27
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORTS

Sec. 27.1 A report from every Parish and Mission shall be prepared annually for the year ending December 31 preceding, upon the form provided by The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. This report shall be sent in duplicate to the Bishop not later than March 31.

Sec. 27.2 Copies and tabulations of the reports shall be filed in the Diocesan office for the use of commissions and committees. These reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may deem proper, shall be published in the Journal of the Convention.

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