

Province II of The Episcopal Church Notice of Regular Synod Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Regular Meeting of the Synod of The International Atlantic Province – the Second Province of The Episcopal Church – will be held by Zoom on Thursday, September 9, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

All Bishops, Deputies, and Alternate Deputies should register on the Province's website: <https://www.province2.org/synod-2021-registration.html> by, at latest, ten days before the opening of Synod (or August 30, 2021). Registration will allow the Province to send attendees Zoom sign-on information and, where applicable, voting credentials. The Synod Planning Committee requests that all deputies and bishops register as soon as possible so that the technical details of voting online, language channels, and communication of links and procedures can be finalized in a timely manner.

If requested, language channels can be provided for Spanish and French, as well as a provision for ASL. Please indicate which, if any, channel you would like to use. If there is a need for another language please indicate that on the form and we will do our best to provide translation in that language. English will be the default language if no box is checked on the form.

Among other business to be conducted at Synod will be the adoption of the attached proposed amendments to the Ordinances to clarify some of the voting issues as to which questions have arisen.

August 2, 2021

Paul Ambos, Secretary

Proposed Resolution submitted by Canon Paul Ambos

Be it resolved, That Subsection (a) of Section 7 of Ordinance III of the Ordinances of the Second Province be amended to read as follows (insertions shown by underline, deletions by strikethrough):

(a) All persons elected by the Provincial Synod, in the event of a contest, shall be elected by written or electronic ballot at the regular meeting of the Provincial Synod preceding the regular meeting of the General Convention. The episcopal representative to the Provincial Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the House of Bishops. The clerical and lay representatives to the Provincial Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the House of Deputies. The concurrent majority of both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, voting separately, is required for the election of the Executive Council members of the Provincial Council and of all other elected officers of officers by the Provincial Synod.

; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 1 of Ordinance X of such Province be amended by inserting a new Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The concurrent majority of both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, voting separately, is required for the election of the Provincial members of the Executive Council.

; and be it further

Resolved, That Section 1 of Ordinance X of such Province be amended by renumbering Subsection (e) to (f); and be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing amendments take place immediately upon adoption at the regular meeting of the Synod on September 9, 2021.

Explanation

Prior to the September 2020 revision of the Ordinances of the Province, Ordinance X governing the election of Provincial members of the Executive Council provided in Section 3, "Election shall be by a concurrent majority of all the votes cast in each House." This provision was inadvertently dropped in the 2020 revision. The proposed amendments to Ordinance X Sections 1(e)–(f) by this Resolution reinstate this requirement.

The votes needed for various elections are scattered in various places in the Ordinances. For example, in addition to Ordinance X, Ordinance VII, Section 2 provides for the episcopal member of the Provincial Council to be elected by the House of Bishops alone and the clerical and lay members by the House of Deputies alone. The amendment to Ordinance III by this Resolution brings these scattered provisions into one place for clarity and convenience.

Ordinance XI provides that any amendment can specify its effective date.