

Resolution 3 – Amendment to the Canons of the Diocese of Bethlehem

I. TYPE OF RESOLUTION:

Update of the Diocesan Canons

II. TITLE & AUTHOR OF RESOLUTION:

Amendment to the Canons of the Diocese of Bethlehem
Committee on Constitution and Canons

III. RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That the following Amendment to the Canons of the Diocese of Bethlehem be approved by this 151st Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem:

That Title III. Canon 2 Section 2.B, which currently reads

The Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan, the Assistant Bishop, the Treasurer and the Chancellor shall be ex-officio members of the Diocesan Council.

be amended to remove the words “and the Chancellor” and to add the word “and” before “the Treasurer”:

*The Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan, the Assistant Bishop, **and** the Treasurer ~~and the Chancellor~~ shall be ex-officio members of the Diocesan Council.*

Explanation:

The Chancellor serves as the legal advisor to Diocesan Council and other Diocesan entities, such as the Diocese, the Bishop, the Standing Committee and Committees of Convention. As the legal advisor to various committees, the Chancellor should not vote on matters before Diocesan Council. The Chancellor would still retain the right to attend Council meetings and to speak at Council meetings but would not serve as a voting member.

Respectfully submitted by the following members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Linda M. Henry, Chair

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