



Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Constitution and Canons Committee

Brief Description and Mandate

The Constitution of the Diocese of Fredericton creates the Constitution and Canons Committee as one of two constitutionally guaranteed standing committees of the Diocesan Council (Constitution, s. 11(7)). Canon Four, s. 19 confirms the Committee, sets its minimum number at 13, and prescribes its membership to include both clergy and laity- the latter to “be qualified to be elected as members of the Synod” (s. 19(2) and 19(3)). Neither the Constitution nor the Canon sets out the functions of the Committee; however, Canon Four, s. 13 defines the role of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor “to advise and assist the Bishop and the Synod”.

On-going Responsibilities and Reporting

- 1) To assist in providing legal advice to the Bishop and the Synod; and
- 2) To assist in the development of Diocesan legislation and policy.

As a Standing Committee, the Constitution and Canons Committee may report directly to Diocesan Council. The Committee normally reports through the Diocesan Council’s Administrative Team. The Chancellor and, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chancellor, represent the Committee on the Administrative Team.

Membership

The current membership is:

The members are an approximate equal number of clergy and lay appointments.

The Clergy members should possess a knowledge of (expertise in) and interest in legal, policy and administrative issues.

The Lay members are lawyers.

Budget

N/A

Sub-groups and Other Links

The Committee has links with

- 1) The offices of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor;
- 2) The Diocesan Solicitor;
- 3) The Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese;
- 4) The Provincial Court of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (Diocesan Appointments only) ; and
- 5) The Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Committee and The Panels of Investigators and Mediators appointed under the Policy.

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