

G. Deanery Bodies

Canon G – 1: DEANERY COUNCILS

establishment of deanery council:

1. There shall be a Deanery Council within each deanery.

membership:

2. At the beginning of each meeting, a person with a dual voting role (e.g. Warden and Synod Delegate) may declare that they have a dual role, may decide to vote in one role, and may request that their second vote be transferred to a Deputy Warden or an Alternate Delegate to Synod from their Parish. The meeting minutes should reflect this situation.

The voting members of the Deanery Council shall be:

- (a) the clergy holding the Bishop's licence to serve in the Deanery;
- (b) the lay Incumbents licenced by the Bishop to serve in the Deanery.
- (c) the Deanery Lay Stewards;
- (d) the Lay Delegates to Synod from the deanery parishes or their alternates;
- (e) the three Deanery youth delegates to synod, the deanery youth representative to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee, and the Deanery Youth Co-ordinator(s).
- (f) the Churchwardens of the Deanery parishes or their deputies;
- (g) a representative of the Deanery Anglican Church Women;
- (h) the Deanery Warden of Lay Readers;
- (i) such other persons as the Deanery Council may decide to include.

meetings:

3.a) Each Deanery Council shall hold at least three meetings per year. These shall be convened prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee.

b) The chairperson and other officers of Deanery Council shall be elected at the same meeting Deanery of Council within the month prior to the convening of the Synod as the Lay Steward and Regional Dean.

- c) The chairperson shall be responsible for calling and holding meetings of Deanery Council.
- d) If the chairperson is unavailable, the Regional Dean shall carry out the duties of chairperson.

when no meeting is called:

4.a (i) Any six members of the Deanery Council representing at least three parishes in the deanery may petition the chair of the Council to call a meeting of the Deanery Council.

(ii) The petition shall state the reason for calling the meeting.

b)The chair shall schedule a meeting to be held not later than four weeks after the receipt of the petition.

c)If the chair does not schedule a meeting in response to the petition, or if the office of chair is vacant, any six members of the Deanery Council representing at least three parishes in the deanery may call a meeting by notifying in writing the incumbent of each parish in the deanery, or the wardens if there is no incumbent, and the Bishop, stating the reason for the meeting.

d)The meeting called according to sub-section c) shall be held at least three weeks after the incumbents or wardens have been notified.

responsibilities:

5. Each Deanery Council shall develop and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church in the Deanery and address such other areas of concern as may arise including the policies and programs referred to it from the Synod or the Executive Committee.

By-laws and committees:

6. A Deanery Council may frame its own by-laws and shall elect or appoint such committees as are required to facilitate its business and meet its canonical responsibilities. The Deanery Council shall monitor the work of these committees.

7. The Archdeacon or other member of the Deanery Council may draw any decision to the Bishop's attention.