

Resolution for identifying term limit for convocation president

Resolved that Canon 3.5, Sec 5 be amended as follows:

(additions underlined, deletions ~~strikethrough~~)

**Sec. 5.** Each convocation shall have at least two officers for whom the annual term of office shall begin immediately after the close of the annual convention and continue until replaced by a successor. The president shall be limited to three (3) consecutive years service before they must be relieved of their duties.

#### Explanation

As written, the president of a convocation is elected every year by individual convocations. While the president's term should be limited to one year or be of finite duration, the statement "until replaced by a successor" has been interpreted as "until someone is willing to be elected as president." This interpretation has led to some convocation presidents serving extended terms of office. This interpretation can inhibit potential leaders from becoming president because there is no defined limit to their service.

Thus, to better align convocation president with the standard practice of leadership in the Episcopal Church, it would be proper to limit the term of convocation to three years maximum. Thus, convocation lay leadership would, by design, change periodically ensuring new ideas would be explored by convocation and diocesan leadership.

#### Budgetary Impact

This proposal is not expected to have a budgetary impact.

Proposed and endorsed by St. Mark's Parish, Medford