

CANON 16

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNODS

1.
 - (a) There shall be elected biennially at Synod the proper number of Clergy and lay members to be delegates to General Synod and to Provincial Synod, as the case may be. There shall also be elected at the same time an equivalent number of substitutes therefor;
 - (b) A person must be a communicant and shall be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod to be elected as a delegate to General Synod or as a substitute therefor. A person elected to General Synod as a youth delegate shall be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six upon the prorogation of General Synod.
 - (c) A person must be a communicant to be elected as a lay delegate to Provincial Synod or as a substitute therefor. One of the lay delegates to Provincial Synod shall be a person between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five inclusive as of the first day of May of the year of the regular sessions of the Provincial Synod for which the delegate is chosen.
 - (d) A person who has served as a delegate to three consecutive General Synods is not eligible to be elected as a delegate or as a substitute delegate to the next ensuing General Synod.
 - (e) A person who has served as a delegate to three consecutive Provincial Synods is not eligible to be elected as a delegate or as a substitute delegate to the next ensuing Provincial Synod.
2. The number of delegates and substitutes to General Synod and to Provincial Synod shall be as determined from time to time by the respective Constitutions of General Synod and Provincial Synod.
3. Synod may, on the recommendation of Diocesan Council, dispense with the election of delegates and substitutes either to General Synod or to Provincial Synod or to both, and, if such is the case, the delegates and substitutes shall be those who were most recently elected by Synod.
4. Voting for delegates to both General Synod and Provincial Synod shall be conducted separately and shall be by ballot after nomination. There shall be two ballot papers, one containing the names of the clerical nominees and the other those of the lay nominees, each in alphabetical order. A separate ballot box shall be used for the ballots cast for the candidates of each Order. There shall be four scrutineers appointed by the Bishop, two clerical and two lay members, of whom one clerical and one lay scrutineer shall be in charge of each ballot box. Every member of Synod may vote for as many nominees as the member desires up to the number who stand to be elected and no more. Any ballot paper marked for more nominees than stand to be elected shall not be counted. The ballots shall be counted by the scrutineers, and they shall report the results of the election.
5. The candidates of each Order to the required number who receive the most votes shall be

the delegates, and the substitutes shall be those candidates who failed of election but who, to the required number, obtained the highest number of votes after the elected nominees, and their seniority shall rank in the order of the number of votes received by them respectively. If two or more candidates in the same Order receive an equal number of votes, the delegate or substitute, as the case may be, shall be determined by lot from among those receiving an equal number of votes.

6. In the event that any delegate is unable to attend General Synod or Provincial Synod, as the case may be, a substitute who is able to attend, in order of seniority, shall become a delegate and shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same duties as the original delegate.
7. In the event that the required number of delegates or substitutes are unable to attend General Synod or Provincial Synod, as the case may be, the Bishop may nominate more delegates up to the required number, and the nominees shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same duties as the original delegates.
8. At least one calendar month before the commencement of General Synod or Provincial Synod, as the case may be, the Secretary of Synod shall notify each delegate that the delegate is expected either to attend or to declare to the Secretary any inability to attend; and the Secretary, at the same time, shall notify each substitute that the substitute may be called upon to attend.
9. Any delegate or substitute who is unable to attend shall notify the Secretary accordingly as soon as possible before the commencement of General Synod or Provincial Synod, as the case may be.
10. The Secretary shall notify substitutes, in order of seniority, that they should attend the appropriate Synod in the place and stead of delegates or substitutes unable to attend.
11. Whenever the lists of delegates and substitutes to General or Provincial Synod are published or printed, the names of the clerical and the lay delegates shall be printed in separate lists and the names of the substitutes on the lists shall be in order of seniority.