**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

**99th DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA**

**November 6, 2021**

The Committee on Constitution and Canons did not receive any timely proposals for amendments to the Constitution or Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina to be voted on at the 99th Diocesan Convention, and the Committee has not proposed any such amendments.

The Committee is aware that a number of lay delegates and clergy have raised questions about the advisability of amending the clergy quorum requirements for a convention to elect a bishop set forth in Title I, Canon 4, Section 1(d) of the Canons. The Committee intends to address this matter, among others, over the next year, and expects to present proposed amendments to the Canons for a vote at the 100th Diocesan Convention in 2022.

Title XI, Canon 1, Section 1(a) of the Canons requires that any proposed amendment to the Canons be submitted in writing to the Secretary of Convention at least 60 calendar days prior to commencement of Convention. Because no proposed amendment relating to the canonical clergy quorum requirements for a convention to elect a bishop was submitted to the Secretary to Convention by that date for the 99th Convention, any motion from the floor at the 99th Convention on November 6, 2021 could not be voted on, and would be out of order.

This ends the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina