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Resolution 2020-03

Title: Revision to Canon 1-400

Submitted by: Diocesan Council

RESOLVED, that the 236th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland amend Canon 1-400, Section 6 "Of the Diocesan Council" as follows:

Section 6. The Council shall hold stated meetings at least ~~five~~ four times in the year provided that there shall be at least one such meeting in each calendar quarter of the year. Special meetings shall be held upon call by the Bishop at the Bishop's own initiative or upon call by the Bishop when the Bishop is requested to do so by at least three members of the Council. The notice for a special meeting shall state the principal purpose or purposes for the meeting.

Explanation

For the past few years, Council has grown more efficient in the manner with which it conducts its business, such that it reasonable to get all business conducted in four meetings. Some winter meetings have been cancelled due to snow, so this resolution eliminates the February meeting and shifts the April meeting to March. Other regular meeting times are May, September and November (though the November meeting will be shifted to early December if the date of Diocesan Convention shifts to November).

This reduction in required meetings still allows for quarterly review of financial reports. It also lessens the environmental and time commitment impact for members who have to give up a full Saturday and sometime drive for hours to attend a meeting.