

Passed as submitted, September 12, 2020

Resolution 2020-04

Title: Move Diocesan Convention to the Fall

Submitted by: Diocesan Council, Standing Committee

RESOLVED, that the 236th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland urge the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee to move the date of Diocesan Convention to the fall, beginning in 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 236th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland extend the current tenure of all persons appointed or elected at Diocesan Convention serving on the Compensation and Benefits Committee, the Diocesan Council, the Disciplinary Board and the Standing Committee, as well as other appointments of convention, ~~by six months~~ to align with the next date of elections for these offices.

Explanation

May is a problematic month for convention due to venue conflicts with proms and graduation and timing of our required compensation and benefits resolution. Most dioceses meet in the late fall. With our hosting of General Convention in July of 2021, it makes sense to not have to plan a diocesan convention just months before we are hosting our denominational convention, so next year seems like a good year to make that shift.

In order to shift the date of Diocesan Convention to the fall, people serving in elected offices need to be able to serve an additional six months beyond the time their normal tenure would end. This resolution allows that. Anyone unable to extend their time of service shall be replaced according to the canons or by-laws related to those individual bodies.