

Constitution and Canons

CANON 5

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD

1.
 - A. Lay Delegates shall be Communicants of at least one year's standing, of full legal age and shall be elected annually at the Annual Meetings, or at any Vestry Meeting specially called for such purpose by Incumbents, after due notice during Divine Service on two Sundays, held by each Minister having a separate cure of souls.
 - B. Should there be no Incumbent at the time, the meetings may be called and due notice given by an assistant Cleric, or the Church Wardens, in the order in which they are here named.
2. Electors, being all Parishioners within the congregation, of full legal age who shall have declared themselves in writing at such meeting, to be "members of the Anglican Church of Canada, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.
3.
 - A. Every Congregation having three hundred Communicants or more, shall be entitled to elect three Lay Delegates and their alternates;
 - B. Every Congregation having one hundred and fifty Communicants but fewer than three hundred, shall be entitled to elect two Lay Delegates and their alternates;
 - C. Every Congregation having fewer than one hundred and fifty Communicants, but not fewer than ten, shall be entitled to elect one Lay Delegate and his or her alternate;
 - D. provided that in any Parish or Mission two or more Congregations having fewer than ten Communicants each, these Congregations may unite for the purpose of electing one Lay Delegate and his or her alternate;
 - E. A Certificate of the number of Communicants in a Congregation shall be given by the Cleric in Charge to the Secretary of Synod, and shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which Lay Delegates are elected.

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4. At the meeting at which Lay Delegates and their alternates are elected, the Incumbent, if present, shall preside. In the absence of the Incumbent, such person as the majority present at the meeting names shall preside.

5.

A. Each Lay Delegate shall receive from the Chairperson of the meeting a Certificate of Election in the subjoined form:

"I hereby certify that the total number of communicants in this congregation is as established by the Certificate produced under Canon 5, section 3, and that at a meeting of the Vestry of this Church, held on the..... day of,the following person (persons), duly qualified, was (or were) elected Lay Delegate (or Delegates) to Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

Name

(Signed) (Presiding officer at Election)

Name of Congregation:

B. The Chairperson shall immediately forward a copy of these certificates to the Secretary of Synod.

6. Each Deanery shall have the right to elect two youth members to Synod. These youth members must be at least sixteen years of age but not older than twenty-six at the time of election and shall be elected annually at a regularly called Deanery Council meeting, or at any meeting specially called for such purpose by the Rural Dean. Congregations, parishes or individuals may nominate such youth members, who do not have to be members of the Deanery Council. After the election the Rural Dean shall forward the names of those elected to the Secretary of Synod.

7. Each meeting for the election of delegates to Synod shall also provide alternates for those delegates should they be unable to attend. Such alternates, when called upon to attend Synod shall be Synod Delegate and shall remain in office until the summoning of the next ordinary Synod.

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