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CANON 6 MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE SYNOD

1.
 - A. All motions or notices of motion, with the names of the mover and seconder, shall be submitted to the Secretary of Synod not less than forty-five (45) days before the date set for the Session of Synod at which it is intended to present them;
 - B. The procedure governing motions which intend to amend the Canons or Constitution of the Diocese is stipulated under Canon 30.
2. Motions submitted less than forty-five (45) days before Synod meeting may still be presented in writing with the names of the mover and seconder, to the Secretary of Synod or to Synod Resolutions Committee, provided that the sponsors show cause why the requirement in 1A) above was not met. If satisfied that the cause justifies an exception being made, the Secretary shall have the text of the motions distributed to every delegate, prior to the presentation of such motions unless the provisions of this section are waived by Synod or by the Chairperson.
3. Notwithstanding sections 1 and 2 above, once reduced to writing and regularly moved and seconded, motions from the floor relating to matters under debate may be brought before Synod.
4.
 - A. A Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the Bishop at such time as the Summons to Synod is issued, and shall consist of:
 - i. the Chancellor or vice-chancellor
 - ii. two licensed clerics
 - iii. two Lay Delegatesquorum shall comprise one of each of the three categories listed above.
 - B. The Resolutions Committee shall
 - i. receive and prepare for distribution, motions proposed for consideration by Synod;
 - ii. without pronouncing upon their merits, ensure that motions are clearly and concisely presented and rephrase them, if necessary, to that end, in consultation with their movers and seconders;
 - iii. consolidate motions which deal with the same subject;
 - iv. ensure that motions comply with correct form.
 - C. The Resolutions Committee shall meet:
 - i. after their appointment, to elect a Chairperson and prepare for debate those motions already received, to prepare them for submission to the Secretary of Synod

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- ii. during Synod to prepare motions received and provide for their orderly presentation.
5. Motions may be received from:
 - A. Bodies reporting to Synod whose motions form part of their report and which are printed in the convening circular;
 - B. Members of Synod;
 - C. Deanery Councils.
6.
 - A. All motions prepared prior to Synod shall be submitted to the Secretary of Synod for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.
 - B. All motions not printed in the convening circular shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of Synod for consideration by the Resolutions Committee before being presented to Synod.
 - C. If a motion has financial implications, the sponsors of said motion must attach a cost estimate and identify a proposed source of funding. This shall be done in consultation with the Treasurer of Synod.
 - D. Motions shall not have preambles, but may be accompanied by brief notes of explanation justifying them.
 - E. Motions that propose a change in social policy should be accompanied by an explanatory note relating the thrust of the motion to the teaching of the Church.
 - F. The Resolutions Committee may return for revision or reject any motion it considers to be:
 - i. outside the jurisdiction of Synod;
 - ii. unclear or ambiguous;
 - iii. inaccurate;
 - iv. impossible to perform.
 - v. contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese
7.
 - A. Upon receipt of a motion it shall be numbered for identification.
 - B. Revised versions of the same motion which has already been printed and distributed shall bear the same number with a letter indicating the sequence of revision: i.e.33, 33A, 33B;
 - C. Motions shall be presented in an order appropriate to the Agenda or the order in which they are received. If time for debate is limited, Synod shall decide which motions will be debated and which motions will be referred to the Diocesan Executive Council. A simple majority vote by Synod will decide the priority of motions to be heard.
 - D. Decisions of the Resolutions Committee may be appealed to Synod at which the ruling on a particular motion was made.