



A4 RULES OF ORDER & PRIVILEGE

Attending and Conduct of the Convention

- Delegates and Clergy Members of Convention (collectively “Members”) will attend all sessions in-person at the convention site.
- All Members will be in a meeting room in person before the start of the designated meeting time.
- The presence of a quorum will be determined at the beginning of any session of Convention.
- Spanish Language audio translation, ASL interpretation, and CART visual assistance will be available to delegates.
- Sessions will be conducted in-person and limited seating will be available to visitors.
- All materials distributed at this convention must be approved by the Secretary of Convention and must be distributed by our Staff or Volunteers; please do not distribute anything to the tables on your own or without permission.

Speaking at Convention

- In addition to Members and other persons authorized by the Constitution and Canons, the Report of the Committee on Privilege, which is included below, grants certain individuals seat and voice, but no vote.
- Only Members or individuals granted seat and voice can participate in debate or speak on the floor. Alternates not certified as replacement delegates DO NOT have seat or voice and alternates may NOT speak unless they are certified as a replacement delegate.
- Any Member or individual wishing to participate in debate or speak must be called on by the Chair. The Chair will attempt to alternate pro and con speakers.
- Once a member starts speaking, a Member is required to give the Member’s name, congregation name, and congregation location/city, and the Member’s role at the Convention.
- There is a two-minute time limit when speaking to resolutions or issues.
- If an individual’s time has expired, the Chair may terminate the microphone.
- Each person may speak only once to any resolution or amendment.
- The proposer of a resolution may speak a second time to the resolution. The Chair may also call upon the proposer of a resolution to be the first speaker.

Submitting amendments and/or new resolutions:

- Members may submit resolutions more than 45 days before the Convention.
- Canon 4.e.7, requires that any Resolution submitted 45 days or less before Convention may only be considered by Convention under the following conditions:
 - It may not propose to modify the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.
 - It may not call for appropriation from the Diocesan budget.
 - It must be submitted, in writing, to the Resolutions Committee no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the convening of Convention; and
 - The Convention must approve considering it by a majority vote.
- A resolution may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at resolutions@ecww.org.
- All resolutions will be published on the Diocesan website once they are received and processed.
- Any proposed primary amendment to a resolution must be submitted by email and must be submitted no later than **8:00 AM Pacific, Saturday, October 24, 2026** to the Secretary of Convention Jamie Balducci at boardsecretary@ecww.org. Any amendments received prior to the Convention will be published to the diocesan website as soon as they are received. If submitted at Convention, a printout of the amendment will be posted by staff at the registration tables.
- If any amendments are submitted to a resolution, they will be considered under the following procedure:
 - The Chair will first call 4 people to speak on the Resolution. If no one wishes to speak on the resolution without amendment, the Convention will proceed to amendments.
 - The Amendments will be considered in the order that they are received. For each amendment, 4 speakers will be called upon to participate in debate. After the last speaker, the Convention will proceed to a vote on the Amendment.
 - Following the consideration of amendments, the Convention will proceed to continue debate on the Resolution.

Clergy Members of the Convention

The following are relevant provisions of Article VII.3 regarding Clergy Members of the Convention:

- Clergy canonically resident and domiciled or ecclesiastically employed in the Diocese have seat, voice, and vote.
- Clergy licensed by the Bishop who have charge of an Episcopal congregation in this Diocese are given seat, voice and vote.
- Clergy canonically resident, but not domiciled or ecclesiastically employed in the Diocese have seat and voice only, not vote.
- Clergy licensed in this Diocese, but canonically resident elsewhere have seat and voice only, not vote.

Voting & Elections

Votes will be taken using voting devices only. Voting devices will be provided to Members of the Convention or individuals entitled to vote at registration and are the only participants who may vote on a matter. Members will be provided with voting instructions at the Convention and before the first ballot. The Chair may request the unanimous consent of the Convention for minor items or uncontested elections in lieu of a vote.

Nominations may be made to elected positions prior to **5:00 PM Pacific on Friday, October 23, 2026** and must be submitted to the Secretary of Convention Jamie Balducci at boardsecretary@ecww.org. No nominating speeches or debate are allowed. If only one person is nominated for a position, the Chair may declare that person elected.

Votes for elections are subject to the following procedures:

- Election of **Officers, Diocesan Council** and **Commission on Ministry** members require a majority vote of all Members of Convention present. [Article IX].
 - Election to the **Standing Committee** requires a concurrent majority vote of the clergy and lay orders voting separately. [Article X]
 - If a fourth ballot is required, it will be made up of the two persons receiving the higher number of votes on the third ballot in the order from which one is to be elected, and only members of that order shall vote on the fourth ballot.
 - Election of **Alternates** to the **General Convention** requires a combined ballot of all nominees. Alternates will be ranked by the total number of votes they receive and the top vote-getters fill the available Alternate positions. [Article XII]
 - **Resolutions:** In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and lay Members will deliberate in one body and vote as individuals; each delegate present will be entitled to only one vote. Unless otherwise provided, a majority of the voters shall be decisive. On the call of any five Members, the two orders will vote separately, and a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. [Article IX]
 - Amendments to the **Constitution** must be adopted at two successive annual meetings of Convention by a majority vote of the two orders voting separately. [Article XXI]
 - Amendments to **Canons** may be amended at a single convention by a majority of votes of the two orders voting separately. [Canon 28]
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The following persons when present at the 116th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Olympia will have seat, voice, and/or vote as indicated below.

The following Mission Stations may have two lay representatives. (*seat, voice, & vote*)

La Iglesia Episcopal de la Resurrección, Mount Vernon
Church of the Apostles (COTA), Seattle/Fremont
St. Michael South Sudanese, Auburn
St. Bernard's Chapel, Snoqualmie
Emmanuel All Nations, Federal Way
All Saints' Goshen, Tacoma

Diocesan Staff (lay) who are not members of Convention (*seat & voice*):

Erik Bauer, Archivist and Records Manager
Adrienne Elliott, Canon Missioner for Creation Care & Environmental Justice
Alida Garcia, Director of Huston Camp & Conference Center
Caleb Gomes, Administrative Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary
Greg Hester, Coordinator for Graphic Design & Video Production
Todd Henderson, Canon for Property
Greg Hope, Director of Refugee Resettlement Office
Matt Koski, Administrative Assistant for Congregations
Dan Oberg, Interim Director, The Sacred Waters Center for Restoration and Retreat
Karen Petersen, Governance & Special Projects
Kristine Knutson, Finance Coordinator
Michael Seewer, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mekdes Teleale, Staff Accountant
Charles Thorne, Canon for Finance

Clergy canonically resident, but not domiciled or ecclesiastically employed within the Diocese of Olympia (*seat & voice*):

Annette Arnold-Boyd	Edmund Harris	Ernest Radcliffe
Marianne Bogel	Joseph Hickey Tiernan	Jesús Reyes
Lex Breckinridge	Christina Jillard	M. Sue Reid
Janet Campbell	Eric Johnson	John Ruder
Michael Carroccino	Kate Kinney	Daniel Stewart
Robert Chrisman	John Leech	Marianne Stinson
D Corbet Clark	Andrea Maier	Robert Taylor
Jennifer Cleveland	Mary McCaw	Josh Thomas
Daniel Conklin	Rebecca McClain	Patrick Tomter
Candice Corrigan	Kent McCulloch	Karen Ward
Douglas Dornhecker	A Scott Miller	Rachael Wolford
Rachel Endicott	Paul Moore	Philip Wong
Tina Francis Mutungu	Beverly Moore-Tasy	
Jeffrey Gill	Lawrence Perry	

Clergy licensed (or in process) in the Diocese of Olympia in charge of congregations (*seat, voice, & vote*):

Abby d'Ambruoso	Theodore Renaud	Dave Walker
Richard Loop	Stephen Rodgers	

Clergy licensed (or in process) in the Diocese of Olympia not in charge of a congregation (*seat & voice*):

Patricia Barrett	Emily Griffin	Jacktone Omondi
Josefina Beecher	Alwyn Hall	Diana Peters
Robert Beicke	Blaine Hammond	Stina Pope
Susan Blubaugh	Robert Hoem	John Scannell
Margaret Bourne Raiswell	Julie Hutson	Robert Sipe
Elaine Breckenridge	Mary Jellison	Richard Smith
Marilynn Brown	Vicki Johnson	Pam Stringer
Carlos Caguiat	George Kiarie	Bill Tarter
Roger Claxton	Edward Kihanga	Sue Thompson
Patricia Eustis	Agnes Kuria	William Tudor
Theodore Fleischer	Peter Kuria	Marsha Vollkommer
Peterson Francis	Terry Kylo	Carola Von Wrangel
James Friedrich	Michael LaRue	Philip Webster, III
Susan Gaumer	Dorian McGlannan	Charles Whitmore
Horace Greeley	Jessie McKenzie	John Zimmerman
Mary Green	Lucas Mix	Millicent Zinga
Don Greenwood	Hilary Njoroge	