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## CANON 7 THE GENERAL SYNOD

1. (1) An election of delegates and substitute delegates to the General Synod shall take place at noon on the second day of the session of the Synod, immediately preceding the meeting of the General Synod.

(2) The Synod may be resolution decide to hold such election at an earlier session of the Synod.

(3) All delegates and substitute delegates to the General Synod shall hold office until their successors are elected.

(4) If more delegates of each order are nominated than are required by the Constitution of General Synod, then the clergy shall ballot for the Clerical delegates and the laity who are not youth for the non-youth lay delegates and the youth for the youth delegates.

(5) The names of the candidates having the highest number of votes shall then be put by each electing group, to the rest of the Synod to accept or reject the election of the candidates as a whole.

(6) The candidates of each electing group whose names shall be next on the list shall be substitute delegates and shall be elected in the same manner after the declaration of the names of the delegates-elect.

2. (1) Whenever any delegate is unable to attend the General Synod it shall be his or her duty to give forthwith to the Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Synod Notice of such inability and the Executive Secretary shall at once notify one of the substitutes in the order in which they have been elected, that he or she is required to attend the said meeting of the General Synod.

(2) When a substitute is required to attend the General Synod he or she shall receive a certificate from the Bishop and the Executive Secretary, which certificate shall state the name of the delegate in whose place he or she attends, and such certificate shall entitle said substitute delegate to attend the sessions of the Synod and to serve on all committees and boards to which he or she may be appointed to the exclusion of the delegate whose place he or she has taken.

(3) The clerical and lay delegates attending a session of the General Synod shall make a report in writing to the next session of the Diocesan Synod respecting the principal business transacted at the meeting of said General Synod

- 3. (1) One of the clerical or lay delegates to General Synod shall be a resident of Prince Edward
  *1996* Island elected by the Assembly of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island and confirmed as a delegate by resolution of Synod.
- (2) Prior to each Synod session for the election of General Synod delegates, the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island shall notify the bishop in writing of the name

of the person elected as a delegate and the name of a person elected as a substitute delegate and confirm the persons elected have agreed to serve.

- (3) If a delegate has not been elected by the Assembly, all delegates to General Synod will be elected by the Synod in the manner provided in sections 2 and 3.
- (4) This section does not limit the right of Synod to elect other persons resident in Prince Edward Island as delegates to General Synod in the manner provided in sections 2 and 3.