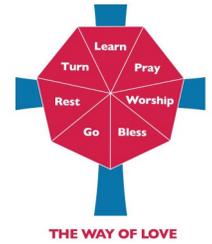




52nd Annual Diocesan Convention

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Ramada by Wyndham - Fargo, ND



Theme: Living into the Way of Love

Convention Website: www.ndepiscopal.org/convention2022

Rules of Order For the 2022 Convention

PREAMBLE: The following Rules of Order are intended to provide systematic parliamentary procedures for the conduct of business at our Diocesan Convention. Adoption of these Rules of Order shall be by majority vote of Convention.

1. **General.** Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for all questions of parliamentary procedure and voting at Convention business, except where the Canons, Constitution, or these Rules of Order specifically provide for a different rule.
2. **Elections.** All elections in which not more than one person per vacancy has been nominated shall be by voice vote. For all other vacancies, election shall be by ballot. Except as otherwise required by Canon, an election by ballot shall be declared when the nominees have received a plurality of votes to fill the vacancies in the office. If precedence is significant in an office, the order of preference shall be the order of the number of votes received. Whenever an election vote occurs by Orders, each Order's selection shall be those candidates who receive a majority of the votes cast by the Order.
3. **Resolutions.** The Canons of the Diocese of North Dakota require all resolutions to be submitted 60 days prior to the Convention. Any resolution submitted after that deadline shall require a two-thirds vote of Convention in order to be added to the agenda. The proposer(s) of such a resolution shall furnish all delegates with a copy of the full text of the resolution and will be allowed to address the Convention for not more than two minutes to make the case for inclusion of the resolution on the agenda. There shall be no debate as to the merit of the resolution unless and until the Convention votes to add the resolution to the agenda by a two-thirds vote to suspend the Rules of Order.

Discussion on any resolution, including amendments, shall be limited to 20 minutes, unless extended by vote of the Convention. Each resolution will be placed before the Convention by a member of the Resolutions Committee. A second is not required. After moving the resolution, the member of the Resolutions Committee will ask the bishop to call on a proposer of the resolution to speak to the matter for no more than two minutes. Debate will follow, with each person wishing to speak being allowed up to two minutes, alternating pro and con wherever possible, until the time for debate has expired.

Unless a two-thirds vote is required by Canon, a majority of the votes cast shall suffice to carry or defeat a Resolution.

Voting on resolutions shall be by voice or by ballot at the discretion of the bishop.

4. **Revision or Waiver of Rules of Order.** Revision or waiver of a Rule of Order shall be by two-thirds vote of Convention.
5. **Constitution and Canons to Prevail.** In the event of a conflict between the Rules of Order (including Robert's Rules of Order) and the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese, the Constitution or Canons, as the case may be, shall prevail.