

HOUSE OF LAITY Leadership Governance Structure

Purpose and Scope

According to the ECC Constitution (Cannon 2.3), the House of Laity (HOL) "shall establish its own policies and procedures of its governance." As the ECC continues to grow, and therefore the HOL continues to grow, it appears appropriate at this point in time to develop a more formal governance structure within the HOL to facilitate decision making and achieve continuity from year to year in HOL governance and functioning.

Structure Option #1

Chair

Vice Chair, Chair elect

Treasurer (Chair of the Finance Committee)

Recording Secretary

At large member(s) (1 or more, depends upon how big the governing committee would be)

Recording Secretary is elected, Chairs progress forward at 1 year assignments (i.e., Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair).

This would take agreement from the individual and community to allow for a 4 year commitment (two Synod cycles) to the HOL. The at large member(s) would be appointed by the Chair (or elected) and would serve a 2 year term, with a maximum of 6 years (three 2 year term cycles).

Structure Option #2

Chair

Vice Chair, Chair elect

Treasurer (Chair of the Finance Committee)

Recording Secretary

At large member(s) (1 or more, depends upon how big the governing committee would be)

The Vice Chair is elected, each position (Chair, Vice Chair) serves a 2 year term (two Synod cycles), Vice Chair automatically progresses to Chair. Again this would require a 4 year commitment for individuals who progress from Vice Chair to Chair. Treasurer and Secretary are elected (or appointed) and serve 2 year terms with a 3 term maximum. The at large member(s)

would be appointed by the Chair (or elected) and would serve a 2 year term, with a maximum of 6 years (three 2 year term cycles).

Structure Option #3

Chair

1st Vice Chair, Chair elect

2nd Vice Chair

Treasurer (Chair of the Finance Committee)

At large member(s) (1 or more, depends upon how big the governing committee would be)

2nd Vice Chair is elected, Chair progression from 2nd Vice Chair to 1st Vice Chair to Chair. Terms could be 1 or 2 years. Treasurer elected (or appointed) and serves a 2 year term with a 3 term maximum. The at large member(s) would be appointed by the Chair (or elected) and would serve a 2 year term, with a maximum of 6 years (three 2 year term cycles).