

### **Draft Legislation #1**

#### **Canon 1 is amended by adding new Section 14:**

Faith communities, and other Parishes and their Members, shall be considered in “Good Standing” provided they: (i) have met their obligation to the Communion according to Canon 6.1 and (ii) are otherwise acting in conformity with this Constitution. Communities, Parishes and their Members not determined to be in “Good Standing”, as determined by the HOL and the HOP in consultation with the OPB shall not have voting privileges in the HOP or the HOL or at a Synod. For good cause shown the HOP and the HOL may waive a requirement for a period of time. Any such waiver shall be in writing and contain an agreed schedule for compliance.

### **Draft Legislation #2**

#### **Canon 6 is amended as follows:**

- 6.1 Recognizing that we have chosen to come together as a Communion and that there are necessary costs to facilitate that Communion, we enter into a covenant with one another to fund these needs. Faith communities agree to contribute five percent (5%) of gross receipts to the ECC. Larger Faith Communities are encouraged to contribute generously but no single Faith Community will be asked to give more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total ECC annual budget. Payments shall be submitted on at least a quarterly basis. All individuals, Specialized Ministries and Orders, ministering on behalf of the ECC but not included in the budget of a Faith Community shall have a written agreement with the OPB regarding their ministry which will include a financial commitment to the ECC.

### **Draft Legislation #3**

**Canon 9(a) shall be amended to add the following new language to the existing language:**

Each Faith Community or other Parish shall adopt language in their Constitution or Bylaws which defines who shall be considered “a currently registered adult member” in the faith community for the purpose of determining delegate participation in regards to Canon 2.2. In adopting such definition, each Faith Community or other Parish shall include the following requirement: (i) all Members that are over 18 years of age who attend services; and (ii) and each Member contributed money or other services provided to their local community. Each community can further define membership and local requirements as needed to meet the local community’s needs but cannot diminish the above mandatory requirements.

### **Draft Legislation 4 (HOL only)**

**A new section to the HOL Bylaws is added as follows:**

The HOL supports collaboration on all issues of governance in the ECC.

In particular, in the event the HOP passes legislation that is not passed in the HOL, the HOL will appoint three representatives to meet with three representatives of the HOP to explore ways to reach agreement on the issue.

The three representatives from the HOL will include 1 member opposed to the legislation, 1 member in support of the legislation and either the Chair or Vice Chair.

## Draft Legislation 5

- a) The first sentence of Canon 1 is amended as follows:

“The Communion is a confederation of independently incorporated faith communities located and organized in any of the states or its territory of the United States of America, which is governed by the Synod of the Communion, comprised of the Presiding Bishop in collaboration with the House of Laity, the House of Pastors, and the Episcopal Council. Independently agreement incorporated or organized faith communities located and organized in any county other than the United States and its territories shall be governed by Section 8 of the Constitution.

- b) A new Section 7 (the Bylaws shall be renumbered as Section 8) shall be added to the Constitution to read as follows:

### Section 7. Affiliate Admission of International Faith Communities

Canon 69. It is the policy of the ECC to foster the growth of ecumenical catholic communities around the world in a manner that honors the protection of local decision-making and local cultures. It is our vision to have new ECC synodal bodies around the world engaging the ECC of the United States on equal footing. To further these aims the Presiding Bishop shall have the authority to grant affiliate status to independently incorporated or organized faith communities or other faith ministries located outside the United States of America and its territories in accordance with this Section 7 during the period of formation of a synodal body.

Canon 69.1. This Canon shall apply prospectively and shall not apply to decisions made before its effective date.

Canon 69.1. Before an international faith community or other faith community may be granted affiliate status with the Communion, the community shall create an independent not for profit legal entity with liability protections customary for such organization under the laws of the county in which the international community is located. The Communion, while granting this international faith community or other faith community affiliate status, shall not manage nor control this community.

Canon 69.2. Before admission as an affiliate to the Communion, an international faith community or other faith community shall affirm that it embraces the distinct beliefs of the Communion set forth in the Constitution and certifies the adoption of a Code of Ethics governing its clergy, governing members and employees substantially in the form adopted by the Communion in accordance with Canon 29.

Canon 69.24. The Presiding Bishop of the Communion shall have the authority to appoint a clergy member of the international faith community as bishop for the international community and other faith communities (collectively “mission”) associated with it. The bishop of the mission shall provide to the Presiding Bishop quarterly reports, covering those areas or activities of the mission under the bishop’s jurisdiction as designated by the Presiding Bishop. A bishop appointed pursuant to this section shall retain the pastoral responsibilities for the mission.

Canons 64 and 67 are not applicable to the appointment of a bishop made pursuant to this section.

Canon 69.5. The bishop of the international faith community may receive other faith communities and ministries into its mission in consultation with the Presiding Bishop. Additional faith communities and ministries shall comply with Canons 71 and 72.

Canon 69.6. Clergy of international faith communities and other faith communities, except where prohibited by the laws of the country in which the international faith community is located, shall comply with Canons 34 through 42 and Canon 55 through 58, inclusive, as to the acceptance of religious orders and clergy members by the Communion.

Canon 69.7. The following Canons of the Constitution shall not be applicable to international faith communities or other faith communities granted affiliate status by the Presiding Bishop: Canons 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 26, 27, 28, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, and 68.

Canon 69.8. Consistent with the laws of the county under which the international faith community is incorporated or organized, the following Canons of the Constitution shall be applicable to international faith communities or other faith communities granted affiliate status by the Presiding Bishop: Canons 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61 and Section 8 and Sub canon 2. The Presiding Bishop shall have the authority, with the concurrence of the Leadership Council, to exempt the international faith community from the applicability of any of these provisions.

Canon 69.9. In order to foster the goals of the Communion through its affiliates, communication and the sharing of ideas between the Communion and its affiliates any bishop appointed under Canon 69.3 shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the Episcopal Council entitled to attend meetings, request agenda items and action on items but shall not have the power to vote on any issue nor shall the attendance of the ex officio member be counted toward any quorum requirements. Ex officio membership does not infer eligibility to the bishop for election as Presiding Bishop.

Canon 69.10. Each international faith community, other faith community or mission shall be encouraged to adopt a synodal model for the governance of the affairs of such international communities who share common geographic or regional sphere of interest. The Office of the Presiding Bishop shall cooperate and provide assistance to such international communities that desire to adopt a syndical model or other method for the gathering of the faithful to discern and act upon items of interest to such communities consistent with the Constitution.