

## GOVERNANCE OF MISSIONS

1. Where a group of Christians within New Brunswick profess adherence to the order of the Anglican Church but are not part of the ministry of a parish corporation, the Diocesan Council may constitute them as a Mission and may define the Mission's extent.
2. In providing for the governance of a Mission the Diocesan Council may require the Mission to adhere to any of the following provisions:
  - a) Voting members of a Mission are baptized Christians at least 16 years of age who participate regularly in its worship and ministry and who are not voting members of any Anglican parish or active members of any other religious denomination.
  - b) Each Mission will have a Bishop's Committee of laity to consult with the Bishop or Bishop's designate about its welfare. A Bishop's Committee consists of one or two wardens, a clerk, a treasurer and from two to four others. It shall meet in at least eight months of the calendar year.
  - c) The Bishop's Committee shall be elected on an interim basis by voting members of the Mission at a meeting called for that purpose by the Bishop or the Bishop's designate. Thereafter, they shall be elected for terms of one, two or three years at a meeting held annually prior to the end of February for that purpose.
  - d) The Bishop's Committee shall present a Mission Plan of spiritual nurture and outreach for consideration and adoption at a meeting of voting members called for that purpose. Once adopted and approved by the Bishop, the Mission Plan shall be presented for review at every annual meeting of the Mission.
  - e) The Bishop may appoint a Missioner for the Mission. In the absence of the Bishop or designate, the Missioner shall preside at meetings of the Bishop's Committee. The Bishop may license the Missioner to have responsibility for the holding of all worship services connected with the Mission and for measures to provide for the spiritual nurture and outreach of its members. The Missioner shall report on the state of the Mission at least twice annually to the Bishop or designate.
  - f) The Bishop's Committee shall conform to such arrangements for the accounting of moneys received and expended in connection with the Mission as the Synod Finance Committee requires.
  - g) In questions arising in the conduct of business by the Bishop's Committee and by the annual meeting of the Mission, guidance shall be taken from the regime of parish governance set out in *Canon Six – Parish Governance*, with necessary adaptations.
3. As provided in subsection 4(7.1) of the Constitution, the Diocesan Council may invite a Mission to choose lay delegates and substitute delegates to meetings of the Synod.

4. The Diocesan Council, on giving three months' notice to the Bishop's Committee and to the voting members of the Mission, may dissolve a Mission for reasons that it deems sufficient.

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