CERTIFICATION OF CONVENTION DEPUTIES

The Chancellor typically receives questions about Convention Deputies shortly before each Convention. In order to provide up-front guidance on deputy/alternate issues, please refer to the following sections of the Canons of the Diocese of Lexington:

- Canon 1.03(c) states that deputies and alternates shall be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. There is no other way to elect them.

- Canon 1.05 calls for the certificate of election of lay deputies and alternates to be submitted at least 60 days prior to the Convention. The last sentence of this Canon, states that deputies and alternates shall serve as such at any other meeting of Convention prior to the succeeding Convention: i.e., any Special Convention called before the next Annual Convention. The Certification Form can be found on the Diocesan website.

- Canon 1.08 addresses the situation when a parish or mission fails to elect lay deputies/alternates or when no elected deputies attend Convention. If that occurs, the Rector/Priest-in-Charge/Vicar shall represent the parish/mission as a lay deputy. This means that the priest would have two votes: one as clergy and one as laity.

If any parish or mission has additional questions or concerns, please send an email to chancellor@diolex.org.

Respectfully submitted,
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