

Title Number of Directors, Bishop Kemper School for Ministry

Proposer The Chancellor’s Office

1. Whereas, the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry (BKSM) had been a jointly-owned
2. subsidiary of the Dioceses of West Missouri, Kansas, Western Kansas, and Nebraska;
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5. Whereas, BKSM recently added two more Dioceses (Missouri and Iowa) to its
6. ownership structure; and
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8. Whereas, the move from four to six Diocesan owners necessitated changes to the
9. number of Directors to which each Diocese would be entitled (from four to three) and
10. the length of a Director’s term (from two years to three years) on BKSM’s Board of
11. Directors.

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13. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri be
14. amended to reflect these changes, to wit:

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16. **CANON XXIX - BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY**

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18. SECTION 1. The Bishop Kemper School for Ministry (BKSM) is a jointly-owned
19. subsidiary of the Dioceses of West Missouri, Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska,
20. Missouri, and Iowa, incorporated in the State of Kansas, governed under its own By-
21. Laws, and operated for the mutual benefit of the six (6) dioceses.

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23. SECTION 2. The Diocese of West Missouri is entitled to three (3) seats on
24. BKSM’s Board of Directors. The Annual Convention shall elect the three (3) Directors
25. – one layperson, one Deacon, and one Priest.

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27. (a) All pending terms of Directors shall end at the conclusion of the
28. 2023 Annual Convention. After the 2023 Annual Convention, the terms shall be
29. staggered so that there are three (3) classes of Directors and one (1) Director is
30. elected each year. At the 2023 Annual Convention, upon nomination by the Bishop,
31. the Priest Director shall be elected to a one-year term (expiring at the 2024 Annual
32. Convention), the Lay Director shall be elected to a two-year term (expiring at the
33. 2025 Annual Convention), and the Deacon Director shall be elected to a three-year
34. term (expiring at the 2026 Annual Convention). Subsequent terms for each class shall be
35. three (3) years, and Directors shall be elected by the Annual Convention.

36. (b) In the event of a vacancy occurring among the Directors
37. representing West Missouri on the Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled at
38. the Bishop’s or Ecclesiastical Authority’s discretion by action of the Diocesan Council
39. upon nomination by the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority.

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41. SECTION 3. Annually, the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority will appoint one
42. Director from the Board of Directors of BKSM, plus a member in good standing of the
43. Diocese who is not on the Board, as members of the Board of Directors' Finance
44. Committee.
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Explanation

The expansion from four to six Diocesan owners of BKSM made it necessary to reduce the number of Directors from each Diocese from four to three and to increase the term of each Director from two years to three years. This amendment conforms our Canons with the action taken by BKSM.

The current paragraph (a) replaced the following:

(a) Each Director shall serve a three-year term. The terms of Directors shall begin immediately after the conclusion of the Annual Convention at which they were elected and end at the conclusion of the third Annual Convention after their election, or when their successor takes office. The terms shall be staggered so that one (1) Director is elected each year.
