

Title Term Limits for Members of Commissions and Boards

Proposer Constitution & Canons Committee

1. Whereas, diocesan commissions and boards have no term limits; and
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3. Whereas, term limits would encourage more (and new) people to get involved with
4. diocesan commissions and boards.
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6. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri be
7. amended as follows:

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CANON XXIV - COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

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11. SECTION 1. The Convention shall, on the nomination of the Ecclesiastical
12. Authority, elect a Commission on the Ministry consisting of twelve persons from the
13. Diocese: six in the clerical order and six in the lay order. Additional members, not to
14. exceed six in number, may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority after
15. consultation with the Commission. For every two additional members appointed,
16. one must be in the clerical and one in the lay order.

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18. SECTION 2. The members of the Commission on Ministry shall hold office
19. for the term of three years and may succeed themselves for additional terms. [No](#)
20. [member of the Commission on Ministry may serve more than two consecutive](#)
21. [three-year terms.](#)

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23. SECTION 3. Any Deacon who has been accepted, prepared and ordained
24. specifically for diaconal ministry and who subsequently desires to be an ordained
25. priest must reapply for ordination to the presbyterate and be accepted for screening
26. in preparation for the presbyterial ministry, according to Title 3, Canon 2, of the
27. *Constitution and Canons* of the Episcopal Church.

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CANON XXV - EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

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32. SECTION 1. The Convention shall, on the nomination of the Ecclesiastical
33. Authority, elect a Board of Examining Chaplains, consisting of at least two Presbyters
34. within the Diocese.

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36. SECTION 2. The members of the Board of Examining Chaplains shall hold
37. office for the term of three years. [No member of the Board of Examining Chaplains](#)
38. [may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.](#)

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

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

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49. SECTION 2. The Diocese of West Missouri is entitled to three (3) seats on
50. BKSM's Board of Directors. The Annual Convention shall elect the three (3) Directors
51. - one layperson, one Deacon, and one Priest.

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53. (a) All pending terms of Directors shall end at the conclusion of the 2023
54. Annual Convention. After the 2023 Annual Convention, the terms shall be staggered
55. so that there are three (3) classes of Directors and one (1) Director is elected each
56. year. At the 2023 Annual Convention, upon nomination by the Bishop, the Priest
57. Director shall be elected to a one-year term (expiring at the 2024 Annual
58. Convention), the Lay Director shall be elected to a two-year term (expiring at the
59. 2025 Annual Convention), and the Deacon Director shall be elected to a three-year
60. term (expiring at the 2026 Annual Convention). Subsequent terms for each class
61. shall be three (3) years, and Directors shall be elected by the Annual Convention. No
62. BKSM Director may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

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64. (b) In the event of a vacancy occurring among the Directors representing
65. West Missouri on the Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled at the Bishop's
66. or Ecclesiastical Authority's discretion by action of the Diocesan Council upon
67. nomination by the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority.

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69. SECTION 3. Annually, the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority will appoint one
70. Director from the Board of Directors of BKSM, plus a member in good standing of
71. the Diocese who is not on the Board, as members of the Board of Directors' Finance
72. Committee.

Explanation

This amendment provides for limits of two consecutive three-year terms for the Commission on Ministry, the Board of Examining Chaplains, and the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry board of directors. Note that it applies to consecutive terms; like with vestries, a person could serve additional terms after an appropriate interval has passed.
