

Title Authorizing Diocesan Council to Correct Clerical Issues
Proposer Constitution & Canons Committee

1. Whereas, there are a number of clerical, formatting, and non-substantive issues contained in
2. the current version of the Constitution & Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri; and
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4. Whereas, those issues include various fonts, different indentation and line spacings,
5. inconsistent use of the Oxford comma, and various labels for individuals and groups; and
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7. Whereas, proposing these changes in a resolution (or resolutions) to the Convention would
8. be inefficient and time-consuming; and
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10. Whereas, Diocesan Council is charged with conducting the business of the Diocese between
11. Annual Conventions.
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13. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Convention authorizes Diocesan Council, upon the
14. recommendations of the Constitution & Canons Committee, to fix the clerical, formatting,
15. and non-substantive issues contained in the Constitution & Canons of the Diocese of West
16. Missouri.
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18. Be it further resolved that these changes be limited to fonts, indentations and line
19. spacings, commas, and various labels for individuals and groups.
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21. Be it further resolved that Diocesan Council's approval and enactment of the clerical,
22. formatting, and non-substantive changes will have the same force and effect as if they had
23. been approved by the Convention.
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25. Be it further resolved that Diocesan Council will complete such work on or before July 1,
26. 2025, at which time the final version of the Constitution & Canons of the Diocese of West
27. Missouri will be published on the diocesan website.

Explanation

This resolution is fairly self-explanatory. There are a number of inconsistencies contained in the Constitution & Canons. For example:

- There are at least 3 different fonts used throughout the document.
- The Oxford comma is sometimes used and sometimes not.
- Members of the Clergy are varyingly referred to as Clerics, clergypersons, Clergypersons,

and Members of the Clergy.

This resolution allows Diocesan Council to consider and make proposed non-substantive changes so that Convention would not be bogged down with handling the task. It is an issue of efficiency and use of time and resources.
