

Title	Composition of Diocesan Council
Proposer	Constitution & Canons Committee

1. Be it resolved that the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri be amended as
2. follows:

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4. **CANON IX - DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

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MEMBERSHIP

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8. SECTION 1. The Diocesan Council shall be composed of the following members, all
9. with seat, voice, and vote, unless otherwise noted:

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11. (a) The Bishop;
12. (b) The Bishop Coadjutor, if any;
13. (c) The Bishop Suffragan, if any;
14. (d) The Secretary of the Diocese;
15. (e) The Treasurer of the Diocese;
16. (f) The Chancellor of the Diocese (seat and voice, but not vote);
17. (g) Eight (8) laypersons elected by the Annual Convention;
18. (h) Four (4) clergy elected by the Annual Convention;
19. (i) Four (4) laypersons appointed by the Bishop;
20. ~~(j) The President of the Episcopal Churchwomen, ex-officio;~~
21. (kj) The President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio;
22. (lk) The Deans of the Deaneries, ex-officio; and
23. (ml) Any other Officers of the Diocese, if any (seat and voice, but not vote).

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25. Each Annual Convention shall elect four (4) laypersons and two (2) clergy to serve as
26. members of the Diocesan Council for a two-year period, and the Bishop shall appoint
27. two (2) laypersons to serve for a two-year period. No member of the Diocesan Council
28. may be elected to serve for more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms.

Explanation

This amendment removes the Episcopal Churchwomen President as a member of Diocesan Council. The original goal was to increase the number of women in church governance, at a time when the composition of church governing bodies skewed male. There is much more parity in those numbers today.
