Fifty-eighth Annual Diocesan Convention
November 7, 2026

Amendment A-1: Constitutional Powers Amendment

Withdrawn

Rationale for Withdrawal:

This resolution was presented by, and unanimously withdrawn by, the Constitution and Canons Committee. The amendment had initially been proposed to codify the customary practice of the Diocese in respect of budget approval by the Convention and power of the Diocesan Board to vary the budget between Conventions. Upon further reflection, the Committee felt that such a codification should be proposed only after having spent more time examining other practices and general best practices with respect to stewardship, and after having given further consideration of how the budget process within our diocese has changed since this custom developed. Notably the budget process has been strengthened with a much greater consultation mechanism, including staff, the Finance Commission, Standing Committee and the Diocesan Board itself, all of which are consulted for a significant period of time before the draft budget is presented for approval.

It was further felt important that a constitutional amendment on this topic be put forward only after having made broader consultations with the CFO and others with respect to the canonical provisions being proposed for the Finance Commission, with those provisions being required by the TEC Canons (I.7.2) as well as a provision requiring the Diocese to pay its full assessment to the General Convention (I.1.8). By withdrawing this amendment now for further consideration, it prevents the confusing situation of having, potentially, multiple concurrent and contingent constitutional amendments being presented at the same time and requiring each to be passed in sequence in order to have their proper effect.

It is the Committee's hope to make the process as clear and simple as possible, and ensure that each proposed change reflects the highest standards of theological and canonical reflection and best practice.