

Resolution 2010-9

Title: Amendment to Article 2, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Maryland

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NOTE – As a Constitutional Amendment, this Resolution needs to be approved at two consecutive Conventions. It was approved as resolution 2009- 3 and this is therefore the second reading.

RESOLVED, that this 226th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, meeting April 30 - May 1, 2010 deletes the underscored section of the following section of Article 2 paragraph 2 of its Constitution

*The number of lay delegates shall be determined in accordance with the following table: (a) Churches with 400 or fewer communicants, one delegate, and (b) those with more than 400 communicants, one additional delegate for every additional 400 increment of communicants or fraction of that number. For purposes of this paragraph of this Article the number of a Church's communicants shall be that stated in its latest parochial report filed with the Bishop. “Communicants” are members of the Church who have **been confirmed and who have received Holy Communion in the Church at least three times in the previous year.***

And replaces it with:

“received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.”

EXPLANATION

The current paragraph no longer reflects the definition of “communicant” in the Canons of The Episcopal Church and the parochial report, i.e., confirmation is no longer a requirement.

The definition of “communicant in good standing” used by The Diocese of Maryland in this Article is at odds with both the parochial report and the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.