

# Second Vote on Constitution Changes to Be Taken Convention

October 1, 2007. To: Committee on Constitution and Canons, Clergy of the Diocese of San Joaquin, Congregations of the Diocese of San Joaquin

From: The Rev. Gordon M. Kamai, Secretary of Convention

In accordance with Section 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin, I am notifying you of the following changes to the Constitution of the Diocese that will be proposed at the Diocesan Annual Convention beginning on December 7, 2007:

Amend Article I of the Constitution so as to read:

*Article I, Title and Territory: This Diocese shall be known as the Diocese of San Joaquin. Its territory shall embrace but not be limited to all that portion of the State of California included in the counties of San Joaquin, Alpine, Stanislaus, Calaveras, Mono, Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, and Inyo.*

Amend Article II of the Constitution so as to read:

*Article II, Anglican Identity: The Diocese of San Joaquin is constituted by the Faith, Order, and Practice of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as received by the Anglican Communion. The Diocese shall be a constituent member of the Anglican Communion and in full communion with the See of Canterbury.*

Amend Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution so as to read:

## Prayer Vigil Scheduled

By the Rev. Erin Giles, St. Mary's, Manteca

The Department of Communications invites all members of the diocese to attend several pre-convention prayer events.

Kelly Ferrari of Doorkeeper Ministries in Colorado will lead our praying with her gifts of song and intercession.

During the evening of Thursday, Dec. 6, Ms. Ferrari will lead a service of prayer, praise and intercession for our diocese. Beginning at 7 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m., prayer and intercession will be offered in each of the buildings where convention business is to be conducted as well as around the perimeter of the cathedral property.

Following the service of prayer and praise, there will be an all-night vigil in which pairs of intercessors will sign up for time slots in order to keep the convention covered in prayer throughout the night. Finally, on Friday morning there will be a Taize service at 8 a.m.

Delegates and other convention attendees are invited to drop in as they register, to pray for convention.

We are seeking volunteers for both the Thursday night vigil and an on-site team of designated intercessors who will offer prayer throughout the convention. We also encourage those of you who are interested in serving as intercessors from your homes or parishes to join us in praying.

Please contact Deacon Erin Giles of St. Mary the Virgin in Manteca for further details (erinlgiles@hotmail.com or 702-430-8789). Those interested in serving as intercessors either on-site or off should contact Sister Phoebe of the Little Sisters of Sacrifice at snerheb17@sbcglobal.net.

*Article III, Sec. 2 The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese is the Bishop. In the Bishop's absence or inability to act, the Bishop Coadjutor shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority. If there is no Bishop Coadjutor or if the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor are absent or unable to act, or if the Episcopate becomes vacant, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority.*

Amend Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution so as to read:

*Article XII, Sec. 1 All Diocesan trust funds now or hereafter created shall be vested in the Corporation Sole of which the Bishop of the Diocese is the incumbent. The terms of any trust shall be the sole measure of the extent and use to which it may be put.*

## Amendments to Canons

**Amend Canon 18, Section 1 of the Canons as follows:**

Sec. 18.01 New congregations may be formed ~~in the Diocese~~ only with the consent and under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese. The Bishop shall have the right to form or welcome in a congregation at any place ~~in the Diocese~~ where there is are a sufficient number of persons requiring the ministrations of the Church and willing to contribute to the maintenance thereof.

**Amend Canon 19, Section 1, subsection (a) of the Canons as follows:**

Sec. 19.01(a) Application shall be made to the Bishop of the Diocese in the following form:

"Right Reverend and Dear Sir: We the undersigned, residents of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ~~within the Diocese of San Joaquin~~, desiring to establish in our midst the regular and permanent ministrations of the Episcopal Anglican Church and to be numbered with those who share in the fellowship and work of the Convention of ~~said the Diocese of San Joaquin, and of the General Convention~~ do respectfully petition to be received into your spiritual charge and direction to be organized as a Mission/Parish Church in union with the Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin, under the name of \_\_\_\_\_.

"We do severally and collectively promise to provide for the maintenance of said Mission Church as the Bishop or other canonical authority of the Diocese shall from time to time require, and to work faithfully and harmoniously to promote its influence in our neighborhood.

"We do severally and collectively promise to work toward the establishment of an adequate compensation for the Missioner Pastor (i.e., Vicar or Rector) in keeping with the standard minimum compensation established by the Diocesan Council.

"We promise conformity to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church Anglican Communion as therein defined by Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin.

To this petition shall be attached the signatures of a majority of the members of said congregation and only such persons as are baptized and have attained their canonical voting age.