

Title I

Canon 1 Of the Council

Section 5 - Concerning Officers of the Church

1. The Archbishop shall be the Presiding Officer of the Church and the Presiding Officer of the Council. The Council shall appoint a Deputy Chair, a chancellor, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers of the Church as it deems necessary. The Council shall define the duties of each officer of the Church. The Archbishop shall appoint a Dean of the Province and an Assistant Dean in consultation with the College of Bishops. The Dean of the Province and the Assistant Dean shall serve at the pleasure of the Archbishop.

The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word is currently, and since November 15, 2025, has been, the Dean of the Province and Interim Ecclesiastical Authority of the Province. All canonical actions taken by him in either capacity since November 15, 2026, are hereby ratified and confirmed, to the extent not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Province, as amended through Provincial Council 2026 and ratified by Provincial Assembly 2026.

Canon 3 Of the College of Bishops

Section 3. - Concerning the Permanent Incapacity of the Archbishop

1. When a majority of the members of the Executive Committee have significant concern regarding the physical or mental capacity of the Archbishop to carry out his duties, they shall promptly notify the Dean of the Province or, if none, the Assistant Dean, who may appoint a pastoral representative to assist the Executive Committee in addressing the concerns with the Archbishop and his family.
2. If a majority of the Executive Committee believe that the Archbishop is not able to carry out his duties due to a physical or mental incapacity, the Executive Committee may ask the Archbishop to submit to an examination by at least two licensed physicians or psychologists, who have a specialty appropriate to the circumstance and who shall render their opinion to the Executive Committee and to the Archbishop and his family. One of the physicians or psychologists shall be chosen by the Archbishop and one by the Dean or, if none, the Assistant Dean.
3. If, after considering the report of the physicians or psychologists, the Executive Committee determines that the Archbishop is not able to carry out his duties due to a physical or mental incapacity, or if the Archbishop declines to be examined, the Executive Committee may, upon a two-thirds majority vote, require the Archbishop to resign or to take a medical leave of absence. The Executive Committee shall report this matter to the Dean of the Province,

or, if none, the Assistant Dean, who shall ensure that appropriate pastoral care is provided to the Archbishop and his family.

4. The Archbishop shall have the right to appeal within 30 days of receiving written notification of a determination of incapacity by the Executive Committee. The appeal shall be to the Provincial Tribunal. The Provincial Tribunal shall review all evidence relevant to the appeal, including testimony of witnesses. The Provincial Tribunal's decision shall be based on the preponderance of the evidence. A simple majority of the Provincial Tribunal shall be necessary to render a decision. The decision of the Provincial Tribunal shall be final. Pending the outcome of the appeal, the Archbishop shall automatically be placed on paid administrative leave.
5. If the Archbishop refuses to comply with any provision of this section 3, the Dean of the Province or, if none, the Assistant Dean, may issue the Archbishop a Godly Admonition or commence disciplinary proceedings under Title IV.

Section 4 – *Concerning Transfer of Authority*

1. In the event the Archbishop dies, resigns, becomes permanently disabled, or is removed prior to the completion of a five-year term, the Dean of the Province shall become the Interim Ecclesiastical Authority of the Province and shall promptly call a meeting of the College of Bishops for the purpose of electing a new Archbishop for a five-year term.
2. In the event the Archbishop is temporarily unable to perform his duties due to a medical or other leave of absence, because he has appealed to the Provincial Tribunal pursuant to Section 3 of this Canon, or because he is inhibited, the Dean of the Province shall become the Interim Ecclesiastical Authority of the Province until the end of the Archbishop's leave of absence, or end of his term in office, or inhibition, or until the Provincial Tribunal orders the restoration of the Archbishop to his active duties. During this time, the Assistant Dean shall exercise the authorities and duties assigned to the Dean regarding Godly Admonitions and inhibitions.
3. In the event the Dean of the Province, while serving as Interim Ecclesiastical Authority, dies, resigns, becomes permanently disabled, or is removed, the Assistant Dean shall become the Interim Ecclesiastical Authority. In the event the Dean of the Province, while serving as Interim Ecclesiastical Authority, is temporarily unable to perform his duties because he takes a medical or other leave of absence, appeals to the Provincial Tribunal pursuant to Section 3 of this Canon, or is inhibited, the Assistant Dean shall become the Interim Ecclesiastical Authority until the end of the Dean's leave of absence, or inhibition, or until the Provincial Tribunal orders the restoration of the Dean to his active duties. In either case, the five senior active diocesan members of the College of Bishops by date of admission (excluding the Archbishop, the Dean of the Province and the Assistant Dean) shall convene and appoint by majority vote an active diocesan member of the College of Bishops to exercise the authorities and duties assigned to the Dean regarding Godly Admonitions and inhibitions.
4. In the event the Assistant Dean, while serving as Interim Ecclesiastical Authority, dies, resigns, becomes permanently disabled, is removed, is temporarily unable to perform his

duties because he takes a medical or other leave of absence, appeals to the Provincial Tribunal pursuant to Section 3 of this Canon, or is inhibited, the College of Bishops shall meet and determine how and by whom the rights, privileges, authority, power, obligations and duties of the Archbishop shall be exercised until the Archbishop, Dean of the Province or Assistant Dean, as the case may be, is able to resume his duties as Archbishop or Interim Ecclesiastical Authority or until a new Archbishop is elected.

5. The Interim Ecclesiastical Authority shall possess and exercise all the rights, privileges, authorities, powers, obligations and duties of the office of the Archbishop granted by the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Title V

Canon 1

Of Enactment, Amendment, and Repeal

Section 5 - *Concerning Effective Dates*

Any amendment to these canons, or repeal thereof, shall not become effective until ninety (90) days following ratification by the Provincial Assembly. In the case of the adoption of the initial set of canons by the inaugural Assembly, such canons shall become effective immediately upon their ratification by majority vote of the Assembly.

Notwithstanding this canon, any amendments to Title I of these canons adopted at Provincial Council 2026 and ratified by Provincial Assembly 2026 shall take effect immediately upon ratification and shall expire and be of no further force or effect as of the adjournment of Provincial Council 2027, unless made permanent by action of Provincial Council 2027.