

Proposers: The Rev. Stephen C. Day of Saint Stephen’s, Billings

Title: Amend Diocesan Canons relating to the Allocation of Diocesan Convention delegates based on Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)

BE IT RESOLVED:

Canon 3, Section 2, Part c, be amended to read:

Each congregation shall be entitled to lay representation to be based upon their average Saturday evening and Sunday attendance (otherwise known as ASA – **as it is defined by The Episcopal Church in the context of the parochial report**) as reported in the most recent annual parochial report in accordance with the following table:

ASA	Delegates
0 – 24	2
25 – 49	3
50 – 74	4
75 – 99	5
100 – 124	6
125 – 149	7
150 - 174	8
175 – 199	9
200 and Over	10

Explanation:

In the post-COVID era, how we measure church attendance and participation is evolving. The Episcopal Church, or what used to be referred to as “the National Church,” continues to refine how it measures these metrics. There are changes coming to the parochial report form to better reflect attendance and participation in this new era. This revision to diocesan canons attempts to address any possible changes so that our process reflects the standards used in the parochial report.

Fiscal Note:

The result of this canonical change should have no financial impact on the Diocese of Montana.