Notices of Motion

Motion 1

Moved by John Arnold *Seconded by* Alan T Perry

That Canon 2, the Election, Office and Work of the Metropolitan Bishop be amended, adding to Paragraph 1(1) the following text:

If it is known that the office of Metropolitan is to become vacant at a future date, the diocesan bishop senior by consecration may summon the Provincial Council to meet as an electoral college not more than six months before the date of vacancy to elect the Metropolitan's successor.

Rationale

This will allow the pre-emptive election of a "coadjutor" Metropolitan in advance of the resignation of the Metropolitan, which will mean that elections will normally be held at regular meetings of Provincial Council, rather than having to call an extraordinary meeting for a Metropolitical election.

Motion 2

Moved by Alan T Perry Seconded by

That Canon 3, the Election, Appointment, Consecration and Resignation of Bishops, be amended as follows:

Paragraph 11. (a) to read "at least three clerical.... and at least three lay...."

Paragraph 19. (1) insert the word "the" between "following" and "celebration"

Paragraph 19. (8)(d) insert a comma between "election" and "request".

Insert a new Paragraph 9 (11):

"When the Council is deliberating on any matter with respect to the calling of an electoral synod, the formation of the Search Committee, or the reports of the Search Committee, the Diocesan Bishop shall relinquish the chair if the bishop is in the chair at the time of the meeting."

Rationale

This will clarify Canon 3, and increase the flexibility of the electoral process with respect to the Search Committee.

Motion 3

Moved by John Arnold *Seconded by* Alan T Perry

That Canon 5 be amended by deleting section 2(7) as originally adopted at the 1994 synod, which reads:

The Provincial Council shall, at its first regular meeting in the year following each triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod, determine the names of two members of the clergy and two members of the laity from each diocese who shall be eligible for appointment to the Court.

and substituting the following:

The Provincial Council shall, *subsequent to each triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod*, determine the names of two members of the clergy and two members of the laity from each diocese who shall be eligible for appointment to the Court.

(Emphasis added to highlight the change.)

Explanation

The website shows the amended form, and it may be that an amendment was passed at one of the 1994, 1997 or 2000 synods, but the minutes of synod do not reflect this.