

# The 200<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine

26 October 2019

University of Southern Maine, Portland  
Cathedral Church of Saint Luke, Portland

*“Dirigo: On Christ the Solid Rock”*

## RULES OF ORDER

1. Voting will be conducted by an electronic keypad issued to each voting member. Instructions will be offered at the start of Convention business.
2. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor of this Convention with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention granting that right.
3. If Convention votes to accept additional nominations, when such nominations are made, there will be no nominating speeches and no seconding speeches. However, the person making the nomination from the floor is permitted one (1) minute to state the qualifications of the person being nominated.
4. Delegates may vote for the full number of people to be elected for any particular office, or may vote for fewer than the number of people to be elected.
5. On all elections, on the first two ballots for each office, a majority vote is necessary for election. On the third ballot, a plurality will suffice for election.
6. Delegates desiring to speak shall stand and be recognized by the Chair before speaking. They will state their names and which congregations they represent.
7. Delegates may address the chair as “Mr. Chair” or “Right Reverend Sir.”
8. All delegates are expected to be in attendance and to vote; no abstaining vote will be accepted.
9. In accordance with Canon 27, Section 1, resolutions amending any Canon will require a majority vote of each Order (clergy and lay).
10. No motion to cut off debate in a matter before Convention shall be in order until each side has been allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes for the presentation of its views.
11. The chair may call for the Convention to vote following three delegates who have spoken in support of a matter, and when no other delegate wishes to speak in opposition.
12. No one shall speak more than once on a question until everyone desiring to speak has had a chance to speak. Speakers will limit speaking time to five (5) minutes.
13. No new resolutions shall be presented to this Convention unless by two-thirds (2/3) vote granting that right.
14. For the 201<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine (2020), the deadline for delegates’ names is 15 July 2020, and the deadline for nominations and resolutions is 16 September 2020.