

Resolution #6 – Updates to Canon 7 (1) Of the Treasurer of the Diocese; and to Canon 15 (2) of the Diocesan Council

- 1 **Resolution Title: Updates to Canon 7(1) Of the Treasurer of the Diocese; and to Canon 15**
2 **(2) of the Diocesan Council**
- 3 RESOLVED that Canon 7 Section 1 be amended by inserting the following sentence after the
4 first sentence: “The Treasurer may chair the Finance Committee,” and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED that Canon 15 Section 2 be amended by deleting the line “The Chairperson of the
6 Finance Committee” in the enumeration of council membership.

Brief Explanation:

In 2025 Bishop Brown added chairing the Finance Committee to the Treasurer's responsibilities. The first resolved statement reflects Bishop Brown's intent to streamline and reduce the number of upper-level persons in the finance administration of the diocese. The second resolved statement addresses removing the subsequent redundancy of the Chairperson of the Finance Committee on Diocesan Council.

Supporting website links (if any): NA

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Submission Questionnaire

Do you have an individual or organization co-sponsoring this resolution? No

Does this resolution have any budgetary impacts to the Episcopal Diocese of Maine (EDOM) Annual Budget? No

Apart from financial impact to the diocese, would implementing this resolution have any financial impact to our congregations? No

Have you consulted with the diocesan finance committee regarding this resolution? Yes

Does the action proposed by this resolution fall under the charge of an established diocesan committee, commission, council, or ministry? Yes

Please name the committee: EDOM Finance Committee

Have you communicated your proposed resolution to that group? Yes

Please tell us whom you have consulted within the applicable governing group: All

Does the group support this resolution? Yes

Who will be responsible to present and address questions regarding the resolution at town halls and at the convention? Bishop Thomas Brown

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Assuming passage, who is responsible for completing the action being resolved by this resolution? Bishop's Staff

If the resolution is adopted, how long do you plan on the action(s) being in effect? Permanent

Reporting on an adopted resolution's progress is required at the 2026 Convention. Who will be responsible for performing this task? N/A

If you have documents that support your resolution, please attach them here: NA

Current Pertinent Canon Excerpts for Delegate Reference

CANON 7 Of the Treasurer of the Diocese (Current View)

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all monies collected under the authority of the Convention unless the collections and disbursements shall be otherwise specifically ordered.

The Treasurer shall render a report to the Annual Convention which shall contain a certificate that these accounts have been audited in accordance with Canon 18.1.5.

Proposed Canon 7 Change: (Noted in *Bold Italics*)

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CANON 15 Of the Diocesan Council Excerpt (Current View)

Section 2: There shall be a Diocesan Council composed of the following members:

The Bishop(s);

Two members, one lay and one clergy, representing each of the Areas of the Diocese;

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The Treasurer of the Diocese;

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