

Episcopal Oversight

What are the options?

(Outline Version)

1. Election of a Full Time Bishop
 - a) Continue to operate as we have in the past.
 - b) Bishop Selected by an Election at a Convention of the Diocese
 - c) This option has financial costs that are beyond the diocese at this time.
2. Election of a Part Time/ Bi-Vocational Bishop
 - a) Bishop Selected by an Election at a Convention of the Diocese
 - b) Bishop serves part time in the Diocese
 - c) Bishop serves part time in another setting
 - Congregation
 - Another Diocese
 - Other not-for-profit
 - Secular
 - Self-support
 - d) Would have all the rights and responsibilities of a full time bishop along with his or her responsibilities in the other vocation
3. Hire an Assisting Bishop
 - a) Bishop selected by the Standing Committee
 - b) Standing Committee contracts with a bishop for his or her services. The Executive Council retains funding authority within the budget.
 - Contract with a bishop for full time ministry
 - This bishop would assume all the duties of a diocesan bishop but would serve at the will of the Standing Committee.
 - Contract with a bishop for part time ministry
 - The contract would specify the duties of the Assisting Bishop and the limits of his or her authority.
 - Contract with a bishop or bishops for specific liturgical events
 - These bishops would have no on going relationship with the diocese and would only provide for the liturgical events that require a bishop (i.e. confirmations and ordinations)
4. Junctioning with Another Diocese
 - a) This is the formation of a new diocese through the dissolution of two existing dioceses. It requires the permission of General Convention.
 - The Convention of each Diocese approves a resolution calling for Junctioning
 - These are submitted to the General convention of The Episcopal Church with a request for permission to proceed
 - General Convention meets in July 2009. the Resolutions must be submitted by the second day of General Convention.
 - The next opportunity to submit such a request will be 2012.
 - The two dioceses then have three years to complete the junctioning
 - Negotiate representation at an inaugural convention of the new diocese
 - Draft a constitution and canons for the new diocese

- Hold the first convention of the new diocese which organizes the new diocese and adopts its constitution and canons
 - Revise the corporations to reflect the new reality
 - Either diocese may terminate the process at any point up to the meeting of the first Convention of the new diocese
 - Hold the first convention of the new diocese which organizes the new diocese and adopts its constitution and canons
 - The current bishop of the diocese with which we junction will become the first bishop of the new diocese.
 - At the opening gavel of this convention, Ecclesiastical Authority transfers to the bishop of the new diocese.
 - It is worth noting that Bishop Jacobus is nearing retirement. Were we to pursue junctioning with Fond du Lac, Bishop Jacobus would guide the new diocese into existence and would soon call for the election of his successor.
 - The new diocese submits evidence that it has completed the necessary work to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. The Executive Council admits the new diocese into The Episcopal Church and officially dissolves the two old dioceses.
- b) Episcopal oversight during the time between our Special Convention and completion of the process
- An Assisting Bishop would be selected by the Standing Committee as outlined under "Hire an Assisting Bishop". Most likely this would be the bishop of the diocese with which we are considering junctioning.
5. Dissolve the Diocese of Eau Claire.
- a) The Diocese of Eau Claire would cease to exist.
- b) The Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Milwaukee would be restored to their 1927 boundaries. There would be no negotiations between our congregations and the two dioceses. Our congregations, complete with all assets (buildings, other property, investments, endowments, current funds, etc.), will be absorbed into those dioceses.
- To Fond du Lac: Ashland, Bayfield, Park Falls, Lugerville, Owen
 - To Milwaukee: Chippewa Falls - Christ Episcopal Church Chippewa Falls - St. Simeon's Episcopal Church Clear Lake, Conrath, Eau Claire, LaCrosse, Hayward, Hudson, Menomonie, Mauston, New Richmond, Rice Lake, Sparta, Spooner, Springbrook, Superior, Tomah

