



22 **II. CONVENTION FLOOR**

23 An appropriate portion of the Cathedral shall be reserved and designated as the Floor of  
24 the Convention. Delegates and clergy shall be seated on the Floor of the Convention by  
25 congregation. No person shall be admitted to the Floor of the Convention without the  
26 appropriate identifying badge. All other persons including alternates, guests, media, etc.,  
27 shall be seated as otherwise designated, and shall not enter upon the Floor of the  
28 Convention during its deliberations. All pagers, mobile/cell phones, computers, and  
29 other communication devices and equipment shall be prohibited on the Floor of the  
30 Special Convention (other than those in use by authorized officers of Convention for  
31 Convention business or otherwise authorized by the Presiding Officer). This prohibition  
32 shall also apply to the sending and receiving of text messages and the use of devices to  
33 obtain access to the Internet.

34 **III. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

35 As provided by the Constitution of the Diocese of Wyoming, the special Election  
36 Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates prescribed in the  
37 Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Wyoming as follows:

- 38 **1)** Clergy shall be voting members of Convention as described in Canon 3 of the Canons  
39 of the Diocese of Wyoming.
- 40 **2)** Lay Delegates shall consist of delegates elected as described in Canon 3 of the  
41 Canons of the Diocese of Wyoming
- 42 Delegates shall be Adult (16+) Communicants in Good Standing.
- 43 **3)** The Convention shall be the final judge of the qualification of its members.

44 4) Names of Lay Delegates shall be forwarded to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days  
45 prior to the meeting of Convention. Such certificates shall be the source of the  
46 Secretary's list of Lay Delegates.

47 **IV. CREDENTIALS/REGISTRATION**

48 An identifying badge will be issued at the credentials desk at the time of registration  
49 identifying each person as clergy or lay delegate entitled to vote. In addition to the  
50 identifying badge, each Member of Convention shall receive at the credentials desk, a  
51 copy of the Report of the Oversight, Search and Transition Committees, a copy of these  
52 Special Rules, and such other materials as may have been approved by the Presiding  
53 Officer and Secretary of the Special Convention. Distributed with the Report of the  
54 Search Committee shall be a copy of a declaration of intent by each Nominee to accept  
55 office if elected, and an acknowledgement that the compensation package approved by  
56 Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee and communicated to the final Nominees  
57 is satisfactory and acceptable.

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59 Others allowed the privilege of the Floor, but not entitled to vote, will be given an  
60 appropriate identifying badge. This category includes:

61 members of the Oversight Committee, Search Committee and Transition

62 Committee who are not delegates or clergy;

63 members of the Committee on Dispatch of Business;

64 members of the Credentials Committee;

65 tellers, pages and arrangements staff;

66 sergeant-at-arms and assistants.

67 If a nominee is a Member of Convention, he or she may vote but shall not be present on  
68 the Convention Floor during the election portion of the Special Convention.

69 **V. SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATES**

70 No vote may be cast by proxy.

71 If a member of the clergy entitled to vote is absent, no substitute is qualified to cast a  
72 vote.

73 At the time of registration, alternates may be substituted for delegates only upon written  
74 authorization of the chairperson of the delegation or the rector of the parish, submitted to  
75 the Committee on Credentials. Upon verification by the Committee on Credentials, the  
76 Secretary or Assistant Secretary of Convention will certify and substitute the alternate's  
77 name on the delegate list, and issue a new identifying badge.

78 If a delegate leaves the Convention the delegate shall go the Credentialing desk with  
79 his/her credentials and with an alternate who has previously been certified by the  
80 Committee on Credentials as an alternate from his/her parish The delegate and alternate  
81 shall turn in their badges, the name of the alternate shall be substituted on the delegate  
82 list being used at the appropriate ballot box, and the alternate shall receive a delegate's  
83 badge. Once a delegate has been replaced by an alternate, that delegate may not return to  
84 the Floor.

85 **VI. NON-DELEGATE SEATING**

86 Sessions of the Convention shall be open to the public to the extent seating is available.

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87 **VII. ORDER OF CONVENTION**

88 The Bishop or other Presiding Officer will call the Convention to order immediately  
89 following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20,  
90 2010.

91 The Chancellor shall present these Special Rules of Order to the Convention as adopted  
92 by the 2009 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming and any  
93 amendments thereto.

94 The Standing Committee shall report the actions taken to provide for the election of a  
95 Bishop Diocesan.

96 The Presiding Officer shall report to the Convention the names of those serving on the  
97 Committee on Credentials and request that those so named to the Committee on  
98 Credentials be confirmed by the Convention. Following confirmation of the Committee  
99 on Credentials, that Committee shall present a report of the clergy and delegates entitled  
100 to vote, and a determination that a quorum is present, after which the report shall be  
101 submitted to the Convention for adoption.

102 The Presiding Officer shall report to the Convention the names of the tellers for the  
103 Convention, and request that those named as tellers be confirmed by the Convention.

104 The Presiding Officer shall report to the Convention the names of those serving on the  
105 Committee on Dispatch of Business and appoint a timekeeper.

106 The Committee on Dispatch of Business will have the responsibility for the order of  
107 business of the Convention once it is formally convened.

108 The Presiding Officer shall appoint a sergeant-at-arms and such assistants as the  
109 Presiding Officer deems necessary for the safeguarding of the Convention.

110 The sole order of business shall be the election of a Bishop Diocesan.

111 When the Presiding Officer shall announce that nominations for the election of a Bishop  
112 Diocesan are in order, he or she shall first recognize a member of the Search Committee  
113 to present, in alphabetical order, the nominations of the committee which have been  
114 published and distributed to all members of the Convention as Nominees of the Search  
115 Committee, whereupon such persons shall be deemed to have been duly nominated and  
116 seconded. Candidates from the Petition Process will then be nominated and seconded by  
117 two (2) delegates to the Convention.

118 There shall be no nominating speeches or speeches in support of any Nominees. No  
119 printed material regarding nominees and petition candidates, other than the Report of the  
120 Search Committee and official ballots shall be allowed on the floor.

121 At the conclusion of the report of nominations, the nominations shall be closed and the  
122 names of all candidates—those nominated by the Search Committee and the Petition  
123 candidates—shall be listed in alphabetical order and the list shall be projected on a  
124 screen or otherwise displayed to the members of the Convention. The list shall be on  
125 display until the conclusion of the final ballot.

126 The Convention shall proceed to ballot, by order, in writing, until a Nominee receives a  
127 majority in both orders of those voting, providing a quorum shall be present as provided  
128 by the Canons, and a Nominee is thereby elected Bishop Diocesan. There shall be no  
129 proxy voting and no write-in votes; any ballot with a write-in will be included in the  
130 total of ballots cast, but the vote for the person written in will be invalid.

131 A Nominee may remove his or her name from the ballot at any time during the voting by  
132 advising the Secretary in writing, by telephone or by fax message signed by the

133 Nominee. Once a Nominee has withdrawn, his or her name may not be re-entered on the  
134 ballot.

135 Clergy and lay delegates shall vote at designated ballot boxes, with ballot cards  
136 designated by color for lay and clerical orders. A list of Convention members voting at  
137 each ballot box shall be kept beside the ballot box, and the name of the voter shall be  
138 checked off the list by a teller before s/he shall deposit a ballot in the box.

139 The counting of ballots shall not begin until all ballots have been cast. When balloting  
140 has been completed, the ballots shall be counted by the tellers and results shall be  
141 reported in writing to the Presiding Officer who shall cause the results to be announced  
142 and displayed to the Convention.

143 The Special Convention may recess from time to time as it shall vote. Otherwise, voting  
144 shall continue until an election occurs or the Presiding Officer requests a response to the  
145 question: "Shall the Special Convention continue to ballot?" If the question is answered  
146 in the affirmative, by a majority of the delegates present and entitled to vote, the Special  
147 Convention shall act accordingly and continue the election process. If the question is  
148 answered in the negative by a majority of delegates present and entitled to vote, the  
149 election process shall end and the Special Convention shall consider what further course  
150 it wishes to follow.

151 After the Presiding Officer shall have declared that an election has taken place, he or she  
152 shall notify the elected person, obtain the elected person's acceptance of election, and  
153 shall make provision to notify the other candidates. No motion to elect by acclamation  
154 shall be in order prior to the acceptance being received and reported to the Convention.

155 The Presiding Officer shall direct all delegates to sign the canonical Testimonials to the

156 Election of a Bishop Diocesan before leaving the floor of the Convention, and s/he shall  
157 ask that a motion be made from the floor that the Standing Committee of the Diocese be  
158 instructed to forward to the House of Bishops and to the Standing Committees of all  
159 dioceses in The Episcopal Church the canonical testimonials and certificates required by  
160 the Canons of General Convention evidencing the election, and to do all other things  
161 necessary to ensure the ordination of the Bishop Diocesan-elect.

162 It is the express intent of the Special Convention that any election of a Nominee to be the  
163 Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Wyoming is made in reliance upon full, truthful and  
164 complete disclosures by that Nominee to the Oversight Committee, Search Committee,  
165 Transition Committee, Office of the Chancellor and the Special Convention. If, after the  
166 election but prior to consecration, the Special Convention concludes that the Bishop-  
167 elect has failed in any material way to provide full, truthful and complete disclosures, or  
168 if the Special Convention concludes that the Bishop-elect has omitted to disclose  
169 material facts, then the Special Convention, acting pursuant to a notice of Special  
170 Convention called for such purpose, may take action to rescind such election.

171 Two-thirds of the members present and voting as a single house shall be required to  
172 amend or suspend any of these rules of order, or to make any change in the order of  
173 business.

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174           It is the responsibility of the Standing Committee to approve the minutes of the Special  
175           Convention.

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Date: October 1, 2009  
Committee on Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Wyoming