



Diocese of the  
**MID-ATLANTIC**  
Anglican Church in North America

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Dear Clergy and Wardens of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic,

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am writing to you on behalf of the Constitution and Canons Committee of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. Bishop Guernsey and other diocesan leaders report that our governing documents continue to serve our congregations and missions well; additionally, they serve as a model for others in our ACNA family.

This year's Annual Synod will be held at All Saints Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, on November 17-18. In preparation, I remind you that Title IA, Canon 5, Section 3B states that "proposed amendments to the Diocesan Constitution or Canons shall be submitted to the Committee not fewer than 120 days prior to the next Synod meeting."

**Therefore, all proposed amendments must be received by the Committee on or before Thursday July 20, 2017.** Please note that according to the Constitution and Canons, the ordinary course of business conducted at the Annual Synod does not include amendments being offered and accepted from the floor. (See, for example, Title V, Canon 1, "Amendments.")

Please submit proposed amendments to the Committee Secretary, Andrew Oravetz, at [aworavetzjr@gmail.com](mailto:aworavetzjr@gmail.com), on or before Thursday, July 20. I would appreciate it if you copied me at [pastorbecki@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecki@gmail.com). Identify the section you propose to amend, and provide suggested language for the amendment. You may also want to include an explanation as to why the change will be helpful. Please include an email address and daytime phone number for the individual we should contact with any questions or responses.

To discuss questions or concerns regarding the Constitution and Canons, or a possible amendment before submitting it, please feel free to contact me at [pastorbecki@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecki@gmail.com) or 703-961-1983.

The Constitution and Canons Committee will provide Synod members with its recommendations regarding any proposed amendments no later than Monday, September 18, and will make a full report to the Annual Synod in November.

For your convenience, a PDF of the Constitution and Canons can be found at <http://www.anglicandoma.org/uploads/DOMAConCanons2016.pdf>

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at All Saints Church in November.

Faithfully in Christ,

*Becki Neumann+*

The Rev. Becki Neumann+, Chair  
Constitution and Canons Committee