

Amendments to Proposed Amendments to Selected Bylaws

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Article III. Members

Section 1. Definition: All members must be women communicants of The Episcopal Church (hereinafter referred to as TEC, formerly known as the Episcopal Church of the United States of America) . At no time shall any non-TEC person have seat or voice or vote or hold office or serve as chaplain in TEC Daughters of the King.

Section 2. The Rule of Life: Every woman who becomes a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King shall take the vow to observe the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service, at a Service of Admission in the church.

A. The Rule of Prayer: Each Daughter seeks to grow daily in a life of prayer and promises to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, For God's blessing on all Daughters, **for the Priest or Priest-in-charge** of her parish and for the spiritual growth of her parish.

B. The Rule of Service: Each Daughter promises to take part regularly in the worship, study and work of the church, to undertake a personal program of evangelism to bring others to Christ, to give aid to the **Priests** for the building up of the parish and to minister to God's people wherever she is.

C. Corporate Communion of the Order: In addition to faithful participation in the Eucharist, each Daughter shall regard it as her duty and privilege to prepare for and attend, if possible, a Corporate Communion of the Order on All Saints Day.
(Rationale: It was getting lost at the end of Article III, Section 3 E, Fits better with the Rule of Life, This keeps old bylaw where it was in 2006 bylaws.)

Section 3. Membership

A. In an existing parish or Institutional Chapter:

- 1) Discernment Period:** Every woman seeking to become a member of the Order, upon **the approval of the Rector or Priest in charge of a parish or mission**, who accepts the two Rules of the Order, shall participate in a three month period of preparation, prayer, service and concentrated study, before being admitted to the Order. **An approved study guide of the Order of the Daughters of the King shall be used under the direction of a Daughter or Priest of her parish or mission.**
(Rationale: Items added for clarification. Corresponds to Article III Section 3 A, The Royal Cross.)

- 2). Any *baptized* woman who meets membership requirements, and who is approved by the head of an institution and its Chaplain or the Bishop if it is a non-church related institution (retirement, assisted living facility or prison) and accepts the two Rules of the Order shall be eligible for membership in an institutional chapter after the appropriate Discernment Period.

(Rationale: Belongs under Membership; Corresponds to Royal Cross Article III Section B 2 or 2006 bylaws Article III Section A 2)

B. Admission to a Chapter: A woman is admitted to the Order as a member of a chapter:

- 1). In an existing or newly formed chapter, a woman who is approved by **the Rector or Priest-in-charge**, and accepts the two Rules of the Order shall be eligible for membership in that chapter after the appropriate discernment period.

(Rationale: Words added for clarification, the Rector or Priest-in Charge is responsible for his/her parish or mission)

Diocesan Chapters are now covered in Article IV Section 6 B. (old 2)

- 2). After the study and discernment takes place, with the final approval of the Rector or Priest-in-charge, the potential new Daughter will be admitted into the Order during a service of worship where she will recite her vows and receive the Greek Fleury Cross. The cross will be sent for by the President of the Chapter to present to the new candidate upon her admission into the Order. A subscription to *The Royal Cross* will be sent to all registered members.

(Rationale: Reworded and moved back under Admission to a Chapter, Rationale: this is part of the Admission to a Chapter process. Moved from Article III Section 3.) This is the new 2.)

C. Daughters-at-Large

- 1.) A Daughter who is a member of a **parish or mission** that does not have a chapter shall be called a Daughter-at-Large. A member of the National Council shall be appointed chair for Daughters-at-Large.

- 2.) A Daughter who has been a Daughter-at-large and becomes a member of a parish or mission where a chapter exists becomes a member of that chapter with the approval of the **Rector or Priest-in-charge**. A Daughter vows to support the priest or priest-in-charge of the parish she attends.

(Rationale: Rewritten for clarity)

- 3). Daughters who leave the Episcopal Church to become members of churches having licensed chapters should follow the appropriate procedures for joining the chapter in that church.

(Rationale: Old by-law Article III Section 3, C 2 was omitted. It should be reformulated to read as above)

See 3.) in Royal Cross; No recommendation

See 4.) in Royal Cross; No recommendation

D. Junior Daughters of the King

1). Junior Daughters of the King are baptized girls who are members of parishes or missions within The Episcopal Church, from 7-18 years of age, who accept the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

(Rationale: Change made as at the age of 18 they may become adult Daughters see Section III D 4. At the age of 18 they are considered legal adults and can enter and sign the Daughters of the King vow and paperwork.)

2.) No recommendation

3.) A Junior Chapter of at least three eligible girls may be organized in any parish or mission in which a Daughters' chapter exists and may be formed with approval of the Rector or Priest-in Charge. An adult Daughter will serve as the Directress.

4.) A Junior Daughter who is at least 18 years of age and meets membership requirements may become an adult Daughter after participating in a period of discernment, study, prayer and service as other adult aspirants.

(Rationale: Clarity of participation with others wanting to become Daughters and legality of age clarified in Article III Section D 1.)

5). The Junior Daughters of the King will have a handbook approved by the National Council.

(Rationale: Need for clarification that it is not any handbook)

Section 4. Resignation or Death

A. **Resignation:** If a Daughter finds she cannot fulfill her vows, she may resign from the Order after consultation with her Rector or Priest-in-Charge.

1.) No Recommendation

2.) If she is a Daughter-at-Large, she may consult with her Rector or Priest in Charge or a DAL chairperson (National, Provincial or Diocesan). She shall return the cross to the National Office and ask that her name be removed from the membership list.

3.) There shall be no refund of dues or registration fees or contributions.

(Rationale: Legal clarification)

- 4.) Any Daughter, unable to attend meetings because of advanced age, failing health or invalidism should not feel it necessary to or be required to resign or return her cross. She has taken the vow and is entitled to wear the Cross in good faith, *(Rationale: Added back this line for more clarity and substance. Refers to old by-laws Article III Section B 1. Also, made this a 4). because this belongs in the Resignation section.)*

B. Death: No Recommendation on content, only on format.

Section 5. Reinstatement

- A. A Daughter may be reinstated at a Service of Rededication with the approval of her Rector or Priest-in-Charge, and upon the payment of dues for the current year. ~~Delete: “and a nominal reinstatement fee, set by National Council.~~
(Rationale: No extra charge to Daughter for reinstatement)
- B. A Daughter-at-Large may be reinstated in a similar manner with the approval of the Bishop or diocesan chaplain.

Section 6. Dues and Fees

- A. Dues for the next fiscal year are payable annually by individual Daughters by September 1. ~~Delete: “and sent to the National Office.”~~
(Rationale: Procedure does not belong in bylaws as this may change from time to time)
- 1.) **No recommendation**
- B. If a Daughter is unable to pay her dues, her chapter is encouraged to pay them for her or to help her seek financial assistance from her Priest or Priest-in-Charge or from the diocesan, or provincial president, or the National Office. ~~Scholarships may be available upon request.~~
(Rationale: Restores language deleted from Article III Section 4, B. 2)
- 1.) A daughter who has failed to pay her dues by December 31st shall be notified by the National Office that her dues are delinquent and that her name will be removed from the membership roll by March 1st, if they are not brought current.
(Rationale: moved here from Article III, Section 6 E because it is talking about dues and member in good standing.)
- 2.) A Daughter whose dues are not paid by March 1st is not eligible to hold office (national, provincial, diocesan, or chapter) and is not entitled to vote.
(Rationale: moved here from Article III, Section 6 E because we need a consistent definition of current.)

C. No recommendation

1.) No recommendation

- 2.) This contribution shall become part of the Endowment Fund. ~~Delete: “and her dues paid annually from the income generated by this fund.”~~
(Rationale: If a Daughter pays a one time fee her dues should be considered paid no matter the condition of the Endowment Fund.)

Section 6, G - Omitted: No “affiliate dues”

(Rationale: No Affiliate Chapters; Non- TEC chapters will be covered in Article IV 4 D and fees will be set in licensing/permission agreement.)

Article IV. Chapters

Section 1. Organization of Chapters

- C. Institutional Chapters:** A chapter may be organized in a non-church related institution (retirement, assisted living facility or prison) with the approval of the bishop of the diocese in which the institution resides. The diocesan chaplain or priest appointed by the chaplain shall supervise the institutional chapter.
- D. All Chapters of Non-TEC Churches:** Women communicants of churches in full communion with TEC, or churches within the historic episcopate but not in full communion with TEC, may form parallel structures which conform to this Orders’ by-laws and customs. Non-TEC parallel Orders may, with the permission of their bishops or other ecclesiastical authority, apply to the full National Council of TEC Daughters of the King for a license to use the name, cross, and such other items as may belong to this Order. The decision of the National Council to grant such license must be ratified by the membership and consented to by the Presiding Bishop of TEC. Joint activities shall be with permission of bishops of each order involved.
- 1.) The National Council of TEC Daughters of the King shall develop licensing criteria as needed from time to time. Applicants’ by-laws must conform to this Orders’ by-laws in all substantive respects, allowing for terminology specific to their denomination. Approval must be given by 2/3^{rds} of the National Council including the Provincial Presidents. Preferential treatment shall be given to parallel orders within churches in full communion with TEC.
- 2.) The membership of TEC Daughters of the King may vote on the granting of such license in accordance with the Georgia Code by written ballot or electronic means without the necessity of holding a meeting. A vote of the majority of the voting power in the order shall be sufficient to approve the license. Voting power means one vote per chapter, plus one vote per diocese. Voting power shall be determined by active chapters as of the date council approves the license applications. Fair and

reasonable notice shall be sent to all active members not less than 30 days before the voting date. Voting shall take place not more than 60 days after notice.

- 3.) Following passage of this by-law there shall be a six (6) month grace period in which non-TEC groups having a previous relationship to this order may form and apply for the necessary license.
- 4.) At no time shall any non-TEC person, or licensee, have seat or voice or vote or hold office, or serve as chaplain in TEC Daughters of the King.
- 5.) Joint activities between TEC Daughters of the King and its' licensees (including but not limited to those pertaining to the rule of life, to prayer, service and evangelism) are desirable and may be held with the permission of both the TEC bishop in whose diocese such activity takes place and the licensees' bishop or ecclesiastical authority. International joint events shall be with the permission of TEC bishop(s) with authority over TEC Daughters involved, or the Presiding Bishop of TEC and the international bishop with authority over the diocese in which the event takes place.
- 6.) This section covers all non-TEC chapters including overseas chapters or domestic missions of non-TEC churches.
(Rationale: Specific provisions regarding exchange of representatives and required reporting belong in the licensing agreement.)

Article V. National Council

Section 1. Members

D. Omitted *(Replaced by Article IV, Section 1. D 4.)*

Article VI. Officers No recommendation

Article VIII. Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the National Council and two members of the National Council, selected by the National Council, shall constitute the Executive Board.

(Rationale: Selection power should reside in the National Council and not in the Presidency)

Section 2. No Recommendation

Article XI. Emblem, Colors, Motto

A. No recommendation

1.) No recommendation

2.) Delete: Addressed in Article III Section 4. Resignation and Death.

(Rationale: The 2006 bylaws already have a Section 2 on colors, cannot have multiple Section 2's.)

Article XII. Official Magazine

Section 1. No recommendation

Article XIII. National Chaplain

Section 1. Selection: The National Chaplain shall be a bishop in good standing within The Episcopal Church. The National Council shall present a list of up to five recommendations for the National Chaplain. The President shall recommend her choice from the Councils' list to the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop has the right to consent to the Presidents' choice or to choose another Bishop recommended by National Council. In the event there is no consensus, the Presiding Bishop shall have the authority to appoint any Bishop to the post. The Presiding Bishop shall be requested to install the National Chaplain.

(Rationale: The National Chaplain represents The Episcopal Church to The Daughters of the King)

Section 2. Duties of the Chaplain

A. No recommendation

B. No recommendation

C. Delete: (These are National Bylaws. The Provincial and Diocesan Chaplains are covered in their bylaws.)

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