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Establishing Norms for Elections in the Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee

Since there is need for an efficient and timely method for conducting elections in this diocese, I, the Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D., hereby establish the following norms for elections in the Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee when the electors are priests.

1. An email is to be sent at least three days before the election notifying all those who have active voice that a vote will be held. This notice must indicate the date that email ballots will be sent, the positions or offices to be filled, and the date by which the ballots must be received.
2. An email ballot is to be sent from a special email account (elections@cc.cdom.org) to all those who have active voice, indicating as well those who have passive voice.
3. Those who choose to exercise their right to vote will reply to the same email address with their vote, observing the deadline and any other instructions.
4. If anyone is inadvertently overlooked and does not receive the email ballot, the election is valid.
5. If, however, one-third of those with active voice are not sent an email ballot, the election is invalid.
6. Even if a person has the right to vote under several titles, the person may vote only once.
7. §1 The deadline for casting a vote will be fourteen days after the beginning of the election, unless another deadline is specified in the voting instructions.
§2 Any vote received after 11:59 pm of the final day is null.
8. The Vicar General and the Bishop's Administrative Assistant will serve as tellers.
9. The diocesan Director of Technical Support Services will print all votes received, omitting the name of the voter. The tellers will count the votes.
10. For validity, the results of the election are to be certified by the Chancellor, who in turn will file them in the proper archive.

I will give you a new heart Ezekiel 36:26

These norms take effect immediately upon their promulgation on the diocesan website.

Given at the Chancery on the Thirty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen.

+ David P. Talley

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