St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church
Constitution and Bylaws

- *As Proposed 7/26/20* -

(Important note: Any proposed bylaw changes approved by the parish are subject to Diocesan review and approval.)

Article I
NAME

Section 1. The name of this parish shall be The Rector, Wardens and vestry of St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church in Stonington. It may conduct its affairs using the name St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church in Deer Isle, Maine.

Section 2. The parish accepts the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and promises obedience to the Constitution and Canons thereof and of the Diocese of Maine.

Article II
MEMBERS

Section 1. Any baptized person who is at least fifteen (15) years old, is a stated contributor to the parish, is a stated worshipper at its services, has signified an intention of attaching to this parish, and has accepted the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws, shall be considered a member of the parish.

Section 2. All members of the parish are eligible to hold office and vote at any annual or special meeting of the parish.

Article Ill
THE VESTRY

Section 1. There shall be a vestry consisting of a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, Treasurer, and three (3) Members at Large. Members of the vestry shall be elected by the members of the parish.

Section 2. The officers and the Members at Large of the vestry shall be members of the parish. Five vestry members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the vestry.

Section 3. The term of office of the Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer shall be one (1) year, renewable up to two times after which there shall be an interval of one year before a person may return to

serving in that office. The term of office for Members at Large shall be three (3) years, renewable once. Members of the vestry may serve an aggregate of six (6) successive years in a combination of any offices, such as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, Treasurer and Member at Large. No person having served as a member of the vestry for six (6) successive years shall be re-elected to serve as a member of the vestry until an interval of at least one (1) year has passed.

Section 4. In the event of the resignation or death of any member of the vestry, the vestry may call a special meeting of the parish to elect a member to serve for the remainder of that person's unexpired term. Otherwise, an election for a member to serve for the remainder of an unexpired term shall be held at the annual meeting.

Article IV
MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the parish shall be held in July of each year on a date to be specified by the vestry. Special meetings of the parish may be called by the Rector or Priest in Charge, or by a majority of the vestry. Notice of the meeting shall be given by mail, e-mail or similar form to members of the parish and by posting notice on the door of the church office at least seven days in advance of the meeting. Twenty-five percent of the members of the parish shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the parish.

Section 2. The Rector or Priest in Charge, or such other member of the vestry designated by the Rector or Priest in Charge, shall preside in all the meetings of the parish and the vestry. In the absence of the Rector or Priest in Charge, the Senior Warden shall preside in all parish and vestry meetings. The Junior Warden, in the absence of the Senior Warden, shall assume all duties of the Senior Warden.

Section 3. All meetings of the parish may legally be conducted by teleconference or by video communications. Notice of any meeting of the parish, and whether it will be conducted in person or by teleconference or video communications shall be given by mail, e-mail or similar form to members of the parish and by posting notice on the door of the parish office at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Article V
DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

In the event of the dissolution of the parish, its assets shall be distributed to the Bishop of the Diocese of Maine to be used for the benefit of the residents of Deer Isle, Stonington, and of the Blue Hill Peninsula, Maine.

Article VI
AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the parish, provided notice of such amendment shall have been inserted in notice of the meeting, and provided that no amendment to Article I, Section 2 shall take effect until it shall have been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese of Maine.

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