

## Summary of canonical amendments that passed by vote at Synod 2018

### **Concerning Prerequisites for Ordination**

No person shall be ordained a deacon in this Diocese until that person shall have completed satisfactory assessment conducted by those appointed by the Bishop for this purpose, and shall have demonstrated sufficient knowledge of Holy Scripture, the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church; and any other topics the Bishop shall deem necessary for the Office and Ministry of Deacon, and shall have subscribed without reservation to the declaration set forth in Section 2 of this Canon.

### **Concerning the Required Declaration of Ordinands**

No person shall be ordained a deacon in the Diocese until such person shall have subscribed without reservation to the following declaration:

*“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and I do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.”*

No person shall be ordained a presbyter in the Diocese until he shall have subscribed without reservation to the following declaration:

*“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and I do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.”*

### **On eligibility for election to the Ecclesiastical Court:**

The lay members elected to the Ecclesiastical Court shall be Eligible Voters in a Congregation or Mission of the Diocese, eligible voters of the Synod or registered alternates in attendance at the Synod at which they are elected and shall have been confirmed or received by a bishop of the Province or another Province of the Anglican Communion. Clergy member of the Ecclesiastical Court shall be under the authority of the Bishop.

### **On eligibility for election to the Standing Committee:**

Lay Members elected to the Standing Committee shall be Eligible Voters in a Congregation or Mission of the Diocese, eligible voters of the Synod or registered alternates in attendance at the Synod at which they are elected and shall have been confirmed or received by a bishop of the Province or another Province of the Anglican Communion. Clergy members of the Standing Committee shall be under the authority of the Bishop.