

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA



CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

*As ratified by the Inaugural Provincial Assembly, June 2009
and amended by the fifth Provincial Assembly, June 2019*

Applicants must subscribe without reservation to the Fundamental Declarations of the Church stated in Article I of the Constitution. The Council may admit an applicant upon terms deemed appropriate. Ministry Partners, Affiliated Ministries and Religious Orders may have representatives attend functions or gatherings of the Church upon invitation of the Archbishop. Ministry Partners, Affiliated Ministries and Religious Orders may withdraw or have their status ended with or without cause.

Section 2 – *Concerning Ministry Partners*

A Ministry Partner may be:

1. A founding entity of the Province as listed in Article II of the Constitution.
2. A jurisdiction or coalition which is deemed to have a special relationship with the Province.

Delegates of Ministry Partners may have seat and voice at Provincial Assembly and Provincial Council as determined by the Archbishop.

Section 3 - *Concerning-Affiliated Ministries*

An affiliated ministry may be an entity such as a seminary, mission agency, ministry organization, religious society or sodality. A diocese or other entity that is part of a jurisdiction other than the Anglican Church in North America may also apply for affiliated ministry status, so long as the requirements of Section 1 of this canon are met.

Section 4 - *Concerning Religious Orders*

A Religious Order of The Anglican Church in North America is defined as a society of Christians who voluntarily commit themselves for life, or a term of years, to holding their possessions in common or in trust to a celibate life in community; and obedience to their Rule and Constitution. Other rules concerning Religious Orders are as established in the Rules of the College of Bishops.

Section 5 - *Concerning Christian Communities or Societies*

A Christian Community or Society of The Anglican Church in North America under this Canon is defined as a society of Christians who voluntarily commit themselves for life or a term of years, in obedience to their Rule and Constitution. Other rules concerning Christian Communities or Societies are as established in the Rules of the College of Bishops.

Section 6 - *Concerning Solitary Religious*

Vows of any solitary religious may be received and recorded by any Diocesan Bishop having jurisdiction over the congregation of which the vowed individual is a part, at the discretion of the Bishop.

Canon 8 Of Visitors

The Archbishop may invite any person or group to observe functions of the Church, and such visitors may be accorded seat and voice as determined by the Archbishop.