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CANON 1 – NAME AND IDENTITY OF THIS PROVINCE

OP CANON 1.1 THE NAME AND IDENTITY OF THIS PROVINCE.

¶1.1 The Name of this Province.

The legal and official name, and name of primary usage and correct ecclesiastical description, of this Province is “The Original Province of The Anglican Catholic Church.”

¶1.2 Use of the Names and Ecclesiastical Descriptions in these Canons.

In these Canons, The Anglican Catholic Church shall be and is referred to as “this Church” and The Original Province shall be and is referred to as “this Province”.

¶1.3 Registration of the Name of this Province.

The name of this Province and other names and emblems held by or directly associated with it shall be registered or filed, or both as the case may be, in the place in which the College of Bishops of this Province shall direct that this Church be incorporated, with the United States Patent Office, and/or in such other appropriate place or places as the College shall, from time to time, direct.

CANON 2 – INTERPRETATION OF THESE CANONS

OP CANON 2. INTERPRETATION OF THE CANONS OF THIS PROVINCE.

All words and terms used in the Canons of this Province, as well as the provisions set forth therein, shall be given their normal meaning and natural construction in accordance with the norms, general practice, and principles of the Laws Ecclesiastical and the accustomed usage of the Church, unless the context shall indicate otherwise, and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article XI of the Constitution of this Church.

CANON 3 – ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

OP CANON 3. THE DIOCESES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS OF THIS PROVINCE.

¶3.1. Diocesan Names and Territories of Jurisdiction.

The Territories subject to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the respective Dioceses and other Jurisdictions of the Original Province of this Church shall be as follows:

¶3.1.01. *Diocese of the Holy Trinity:*

The Diocese of the Holy Trinity shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming, and Utah; and the counties of Madison, Monroe, Rock Island, St. Clair and Whiteside within the State of Illinois.¹

¶3.1.02. *Anglican Diocese of the Midwest:*

The Anglican Diocese of the Midwest shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; the States of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin; the State of Illinois excepting the Counties of Madison, Monroe, Rock Island, St. Clair, and Whiteside; and the Counties of Cabell and Wayne within the State of West Virginia.

¶3.1.03. *Anglican Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States:*

The Anglican Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Virginia; the District of Columbia; the States of Delaware and Maryland; the State of West Virginia excepting the Counties of Cabell and Wayne; and the Counties of Sullivan and Washington, including the civil jurisdictions situated geographically therein, of the State of Tennessee.²

¶3.1.04. *Diocese of the Resurrection:*

¹ Amended by the Xth Synod of the Original Province (Kansas City, MO, 1993) to unite the former Diocese of the Missouri Valley with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity and by incorporating the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota. Amended by the XIth Synod of the Original Province (San Mateo, CA, 1995) to unite the former Missionary Diocese of the Great Plains with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity. Amended by the XVth Synod of the Original Province (New Orleans, LA, 2003) to unite the former Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity.

² Amended by the Xth Synod of the Original Province (Kansas City, MO, 1993) to cede portions of the Eastern Grand Division of the State of Tennessee to the Diocese of the South.

The Diocese of the Resurrection shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within an Archdeaconry of the East comprising the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the States of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and Vermont, and an Archdeaconry of the West comprising the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the States of New Jersey and New York.³

¶3.1.05. *Diocese of the South:*

The Diocese of the South shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the States of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; that portion of the State of Florida lying East of the Apalachicola River; and the Eastern Grand Division of the State of Tennessee established by civil law, including the civil jurisdictions situated geographically therein; excepting the Counties of Sullivan and Washington, including the civil jurisdictions situated geographically therein.⁴

¶3.1.06. *Diocese of New Orleans:*

The Diocese of New Orleans shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas; that portion of the State of Florida lying situate West of the Apalachicola River; the Middle and the Western Grand Divisions of the State of Tennessee by civil law established, including the civil jurisdictions situated geographically therein.⁵

¶3.1.07. *[Reserved]*

¶3.1.08 *Missionary District of Canada:*

³ Amended by the IXth Synod of the Original Province (Charlotte, NC, 1991) to cede the southern counties of Connecticut to the Missionary Diocese of New England. Further Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to establish the Archdeacons of the East and West within the Diocese and to include the territory of the former Missionary Diocese of New England.

⁴ Amended by the Xth Synod of the Original Province (Kansas City, MO, 1993) to cede the Western Grand Division of the State of Tennessee to the newly-established Diocese of New Orleans, and to acquire portions of the Eastern Grand Division from the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States. Further amended by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015) to add the words “situated geographically” in the final phrase.

⁵ Established by the Xth Synod of the Original Province (Kansas City, MO, 1993), which transferred to it the Western Grand Division of the State of Tennessee from the Diocese of the South, portions of the former Diocese of the Missouri Valley, and the States of Oklahoma and Texas from the former Diocese of the Holy Spirit. Further amended by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015) to delete the words “and the State of Chihuahua within the United States of Mexico”.

The Missionary District of Canada shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction over all areas within the borders of The Dominion of Canada.⁶

¶3.1.09. *Diocese of the Caribbean and New Granada:*

The Diocese of the Caribbean and New Granada shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Greater Antilles and the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean and the Countries of Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Panama, and Venezuela, save in those areas which are within or under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of other Churches of the Anglican Communion which have not departed from Catholic Faith and Order.⁷

¶3.1.10. *Diocese of the United Kingdom:*

The Diocese of the United Kingdom shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Kingdom of England, the Principality of Wales, the Kingdom of Scotland and the Province of Northern Ireland.⁸

¶3.1.11. *Missionary Diocese of Australia and New Zealand:*

The Missionary Diocese of Australia shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the States, Territories and Dependencies of the Commonwealth of Australia, and also within the Dominion of New Zealand.⁹

¶3.1.12. *Missionary District of The Philippines:*¹⁰

The Missionary District of The Philippines shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Republic of The Philippines.

¶3.1.13. *Anglican Diocese of Southern Africa:*

The Anglican Diocese of Southern Africa shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Republic of South Africa in the

⁶ Established by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013).

⁷ Amended by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015) to remove 'Missionary' and add the nations of Brazil and Chile.

⁸ Amended by the XIth Synod of the Original Province (San Mateo, CA, 1995) to add the Kingdom of Scotland and the Province of Northern Ireland, and to change the name of the former Missionary Diocese of England and Wales.

⁹ Amended by the XIIth Synod of the Original Province (Norfolk, VA, 1997) to add the Dominion of New Zealand.

¹⁰ Established by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013).

Provinces of the Western Cape, the Free State and the North West, and the Kingdom of Lesotho, and the area of Kei in the Diocese of Christ the Redeemer.¹¹

¶3.1.14. *Diocese of Christ the Redeemer:*¹²

The Diocese of Christ the Redeemer shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction over all areas within the borders of the Province of the Eastern Cape in the Republic of South Africa, with the exception of the area of Kei.

¶3.1.15. *Diocese of the Northeast:*

The Diocese of the Northeast shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the Republic of South Africa within the borders of the Provinces of KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng and Limpopo, and in the Kingdom of Swaziland.¹³

¶3.1.16 *The Diocese of Blessed Nehemiah Tile:*

The Diocese of Blessed Nehemiah Tile is non-geographical and shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in those Parishes, Missions and other Congregations within the Provinces of the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and Gauteng in the Republic of South Africa:

(a) That have acceded to and been received by The Anglican Catholic Church from the Ethiopian Catholic Church; together with

(b) Such additional Parishes, Missions and other Congregations thereafter established by the Diocese of Blessed Nehemiah Tile, in each case following concurrence of the Ordinary of the geographical jurisdiction within which such Parish, Mission or other Congregation is situated.¹⁴

¶3.1.17 *Diocese of the Congo:*

¹¹ Amended by the XIIth Synod of the Original Province (Norfolk, VA, 1997) to delete the former Missionary District of New Zealand and to establish the Missionary Diocese of Southern Africa; amended by the XIXth Synod of the Original Province (West Palm Beach, FL, 2011) upon the reception of the Missionary Diocese of the Eastern Cape. Further amended by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015) to remove 'Missionary' and add the description 'Anglican' and the Provinces of the Free State and the North West, and the area of Kei.

¹² Amended by the XIIth Synod of the Original Province (Norfolk, VA, 1997) to delete the former Missionary Diocese of the Great Plains, which the XIth Synod (San Mateo, CA, 1995) had united with the Diocese of the Holy Trinity; amended by the XIXth Synod of the Original Province (West Palm Beach, FL, 2011) upon the reception of the Missionary Diocese of the Eastern Cape. Further amended by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015) to change the name of the Diocese to 'Christ the Redeemer', and to cede the area of Kei to the Anglican Diocese of Southern Africa.

¹³ Established by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015).

¹⁴ Established by the XXIst Synod of the Original Province (Athens, GA, 2015).

The Diocese of the Congo shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction over all areas within the borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.¹⁵

¶3.1.18 *Missionary Diocese of Cameroon:*

The Missionary Diocese of Cameroon shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the borders of the Republic of Cameroon.¹⁶

¶3.1.19. *Diocese of Aweil:*¹⁷

The Diocese of Aweil shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Counties of Aweil East, Aweil South, Aweil North, Aweil West and Aweil Centre within the Republic of South Sudan.

¶3.1.20. *Missionary Diocese of Kenya:*

The Missionary Diocese of Kenya shall be composed of and exercise its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the borders of the Republic of Kenya.¹⁸

¶3.1.21. *The Office of the Metropolitan of this Province:*

In addition to the Patrimony of the Metropolitan, the Office of the Metropolitan of the Original Province of this Church, in accordance with OP Canon ¶3.2.01, has assigned to its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction all territories not assigned to any other Jurisdiction of this Church.

¶3.1.22. *Jurisdictions held in Titulum et in Commendam:*

The following formerly independent Jurisdictions of the Original Province are held by that Province *in titulum et in commendam*: The Diocese of Alaska,

¹⁵ Amended by the XVth Synod of the Original Province (New Orleans, LA, 2003) to delete the former Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest. (The XIth Synod of the Original Province (San Mateo, CA, 1995) had added to that former Diocese the States of Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.) Further amended by the XIXth Synod of the Original Province (West Palm Beach, FL, 2011) upon the reception of the Diocese of the Congo.

¹⁶ Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to receive the Missionary Diocese of Cameroon.

¹⁷ Amended by the Xth Synod of the Original Province (San Mateo, CA, 1995) to delete the former Missionary District of Alaska and to transfer the State of Alaska to the former Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest. Further amended by the XVIIth Synod of the Original Province (Cleveland, OH, 2007) upon the reception of the Diocese of Aweil in the Republic of the Sudan. Further amended by the XIXth Synod of the Original Province (West Palm Beach, FL, 2011) reflecting the independence of the Republic of South Sudan.

¹⁸ Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to recognize the Missionary Diocese of Kenya.

The Diocese of England and Wales, The Diocese of the Great Plains, The Diocese of the Holy Spirit, The Diocese of the Missouri Valley, The Diocese of New England, The Diocese of the Pacific and Southwest, The Diocese of St. Paul, The Diocese of San Francisco, and The Diocese of New Zealand.

**OP CANON 3.2. MISSIONARY DIOCESES, MISSIONARY DISTRICTS
AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.**

Missionary Dioceses, Missionary Districts and Jurisdictions of the Armed Forces may be established by the College of Bishops of this Province as the Metropolitan and his College shall deem necessary.

OP CANON 3.3. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES¹⁹

¶3.3.1. Ordinary and Missionary Dioceses.

Each Ordinary Diocese and each Missionary Diocese shall elect its Delegates and Alternates §possible representation of that Ordinary or Missionary Diocese.

¶3.3.2. Missionary Districts.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to a Provincial Synod shall be nominated by the Congregations in each Missionary District and appointed by the Bishop Ordinary or Episcopal Authority from among such nominees. The Bishop Ordinary or Episcopal Authority may appoint Alternate Delegates prior to convocation of the Provincial Synod as necessary in order to ensure the fullest possible representation of that Missionary District.

¶3.3.3. Jurisdictions of the Armed Forces.

Each Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces shall elect its Delegates to a Provincial Synod in Convocation or, in the event that a Convocation is not possible or practical in view of the dispersal of Chaplains and Laity, in written poll by electronic means. The Episcopal Prelate may appoint Alternate Delegates prior to convocation of the Provincial Synod as necessary in order to ensure the fullest possible representation of that Military Jurisdiction.

¹⁹ Added by the XXth Provincial Synod (Newport Beach, CA. 2013) to conform to the requirements of Canon 8, §§8.2.02(a) and 8.2.03(a).

¶3.3.1. Other Jurisdictions.

Delegates to a Provincial Synod from the Patrimony of the Metropolitan or from any Jurisdiction other than those referred to above shall be nominated by their Congregations or Orders and appointed by the Metropolitan from among such nominees. The Metropolitan may appoint Alternate Delegates prior to convocation of the Provincial Synod as necessary in order to ensure the fullest possible representation of such other Jurisdictions.

CANON 4 – SUPPORT OF CLERGY

OP CANON 4.1. STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES.

It is the obligation of each Parish, Congregation, Mission, or other Cure of Souls within or of this Province to provide reasonably for its Clergy, both full time and part time, by agreement with its Minister subject to the written approval of the Bishop Ordinary of the Jurisdiction in which such Parish, Congregation, Mission or other Cure of Souls is situate.

The stipend and allowances of Clergy, once agreed upon in writing, may not be reduced without the written approval of the Bishop Ordinary, and, if such be approved, shall not take effect in less than thirty (30) days from the date of such final approval.

OP CANON 4.2. PENSIONS²⁰

¶4.2.01. Clergy Pension Fund

Pursuant to Canon 21.11 of the Canons of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church, there may be established Pension Funds for particular Clergy of individual Nations within the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church. This establishment shall be done by a conclave of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Nation desiring to fund and maintain an Anglican Catholic Church Clergy Pension Fund.

Such a Fund shall cover Clergy having canonically functioned in those Dioceses, Missionary Dioceses, Missionary Districts and other such Jurisdictions situate in that Nation as have contributed to the Fund pursuant to the provisions of a corporate structure formed within such Nation for the governance of the Fund.

¶4.2.02. Administration of the Clergy Pension Fund

(a) The Bishops of the jurisdictions of such Nation, in accordance with its laws, shall administer or appoint he administrators of its Clergy Pension Fund.

(b) The administrators of such Fund shall furnish a report at least quarterly, or more frequently as may be required for proper oversight, to the Bishops on the nature, contents, changes in investment performance and financial status of that Clergy Pension Fund, and of the investment portfolio, held by that Fund, and of any other properties from which the

²⁰ Formerly Canon 21.10 of the Canons of the Church, re-enacted by the XVth Synod of the Original Province (New Orleans, LA, 2003) as a Provincial Canon. Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to provide that the Fund shall be implemented nationally, in accordance with the laws of the nation concerned.

Fund derives income or interest, and on any acquisitions by and disbursements from that Fund.

(c) The administrators may contract with established, bonded or insured, and appropriately regulated financial institutions for the day-to-day investment and reinvestment of the investment portfolio of the Fund. This subsection, when referring to appropriate regulation, is to be read in *para materia* with Paragraph 4.2.06 of this Canon.

¶4.2.03. Contributions to the Clergy Pension Fund

The Pension Board of Trustees of the Clergy Pension Fund of the Original Province shall be empowered to receive and invest any and all contributions from Dioceses or other such Jurisdictions and legacies, bequests, gifts and other such funds and property from Parishes, Congregations and other such Cures, other entities and individuals.

¶4.2.04. Disbursements from the Clergy Pension Fund

(a) No monies, benefits, or other property acquired or held by the Clergy Pension Fund shall be disbursed except pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the corporate structure established to govern the Fund.

(b) No monies or property acquired by or held in the Clergy Pension Fund, whether principal or interest, shall be disbursed for any purpose other than for the payment of administrative expenses and pension benefits to eligible recipients as defined by the Bye-Laws of the corporate structure established to govern the Fund.

¶4.2.05. Dissolution of the Clergy Pension Fund

In the event of the dissolution of the Clergy Pension Fund, the administrators shall pay all legal liabilities of the Clergy Pension Fund and dispose of any remaining assets to a charitable organization or organizations qualifying under the laws of the Nation in which the corporate structure established to govern the Fund is organized.

¶4.2.06. Governing Civil Jurisdictions

Where necessary to give effect to the purposes of this Canon 4, the provisions required pursuant to the laws of each governing civil jurisdiction shall be read as incorporated, *mutatis mutandis*, into this Canon at all essential points.

OP CANON 4.3. MEDICAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ²¹

¶4.3.01. Clerical Participation

All Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and their dependants, of the Original Province of this Church shall be enrolled in a plan established or subscribed to by a conclave of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Nation desiring to fund and maintain an Anglican Catholic Church Clergy Health Insurance Plan, unless excused by the provisions of the Plan in accordance with the laws of the Nation of its existence, interpreted in closest conformity to the principles of this Canon.

¶4.3.02. Other Participants

The Provincial plan shall provide eligibility for participation by the following and their dependants: Seminarians and Candidates for Holy Orders; Deaconesses and members of Religious Orders, Communities and Institutes; and Lay Church Workers and stipendiary employees of any corporate (not-for-profit), eleemosynary, or ecclesial body or entity, or religious, charitable or other trust, of or within this Province, or both.

Each Individual in each of the above categories shall have the option of electing to participate or not to participate in such plan.

¶.3.03. Implementation

The principles and provisions of this Canon shall be implemented by an appropriate enabling Statute adopted by the Synod of this Province.

²¹ Formerly Canon 21.11 of the Canons of the Church, re-enacted by the XVIth Synod of the Original Province (Grand Rapids, MI, 2005) as a Provincial Canon. Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to provide that the plan and its Coverage shall be implemented nationally, in accordance with the laws of the nation concerned.

CANON 5 – SUPPORT OF MISSION

OP CANON 5. MISSION SOCIETY²²

¶5.1. Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

The Provincial Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church shall, by Statute, establish a Domestic and Foreign Mission Society of the Original Province. In obedience to the command of Our Lord to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”,²³ and “Feed my sheep”,²⁴ this Society shall encourage the witness, Faith, and practice of the Anglican Catholic Church and shall, on behalf of all Provinces of this Church, provide funding, personnel, and other forms of support for domestic and international missions; for the amelioration, relief, and assistance of persons and communities distressed by natural or man-made events or disasters or by adverse social or political situations; for religious, educational, and medical eleemosynary endeavors; and for works of religion.

¶5.2.1. Name of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

The Domestic and Foreign Mission Society of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church shall be named “The Mission Society of St. Paul the Apostle”, hereinafter generally referred to as the “St. Paul Mission Society”. To facilitate payment of contributions and for banking, investment and other financial purposes the St. Paul Mission Society may be styled the “St. Paul Mission Fund”.

¶5.2.2. Service Mark of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

For the purposes of protection of identity and of distinction from those seeking to confuse the St. Paul Mission Society with other organizations of similar name, the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church shall be Service Marked with the United States Patent Office in the name of the *Anglican Catholic Mission Society of St. Paul*.

²² Enacted by the XVIIth Synod of the Original Province (Cleveland, OH, 2007). Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province (Newport Beach, CA, 2013) to change the name of the Mission Society and make changes consequent thereon.

²³ St. Matthew 28:19-20a.

²⁴ St. John 21:17b.

¶5.3. Administration of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

(a) The College of Bishops of the Original Province, through a Board of Trustees established for the purpose, shall administer the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society.

(b) The Mission Society Board of Trustees shall furnish a report at least quarterly, or more frequently as may be required for proper oversight, to the Metropolitan, the College of Bishops, and the Administrative Council on the nature and amounts of all funds received; on the accounts or financial instruments in which funds of the Mission Society are held; on any other properties from which the St. Paul Mission Society derives income or interest; and on any acquisitions by and disbursements from the St. Paul Mission Society.

(c) The St. Paul Mission Society Board of Trustees may contract with established, bonded, and appropriately regulated financial institutions for the day-to-day custody, deposit, investment, and reinvestment of the financial assets of the Society. This subsection, when referring to appropriate regulations, is to be read *in pari materia* with Paragraph 5.7 of this Canon.

(d) In consideration of the international nature of the purposes of the St. Paul Mission Society, at such time as the Holy Synod of this Church has come into existence and has held its first meeting, both pursuant to the provisions of Article IX “Of the Holy Synod” of the Constitution of this Church, and upon recommendation of the Metropolitan and College of Bishops of the Original Province, the Provincial Synod of the Original Province may, by Statute, provide for the transfer of the administrative oversight of the St. Paul Mission Society and of the assets of the St. Paul Mission Society to the Primate and Council of Bishops of this Church.

¶5.4. Contributions to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

The St. Paul Mission Society Board of Trustees shall be empowered to receive and invest any and all contributions, legacies, bequests, gifts, and other funds and property as may be made or given to it by Provinces, Dioceses and other such Jurisdictions, Parishes, Missions, and other Congregations or Cures, other entities, and persons.

¶5.5. Disbursements by the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

(a) No monies, benefits, or other assets acquired or held by the St. Paul Mission Society shall be disbursed except pursuant to a pertinent Domestic and

Foreign Mission Society Statute of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church.

(b) No monies or other assets acquired or held by the St. Paul Mission Society, whether principal or interest or return on investment, shall be disbursed for any purpose other than for the payment of administrative expenses and mission grants to eligible recipients as defined by the pertinent Domestic and Mission Society Statute of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church.

¶5.6. Dissolution of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society

In the event of the dissolution of the St. Paul Mission Society, the Trustees of the same, acting at the direction of the Trustees of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church, Inc., shall pay all liabilities of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society and dispose of all remaining assets to a charitable organization or organizations qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent or future United States Revenue Law), contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

¶5.7. Governing Civil Jurisdictions

Where necessary to give effect to the purposes of this OP Canon 5, the provisions required pursuant to the laws of each governing civil jurisdiction shall be read as incorporated, *mutatis mutandis*, into this Canon at all essential points.

CANON 6 – GENERAL FINANCIAL MATTERS

OP CANON 6.1. Investment Advisory Group²⁵

The Metropolitan of this Province may appoint an Investment Advisory Group of not more than five (5) Clerical and/or Lay Communicant members to advise the Administrative Council, the Clergy Pension Fund Trustees and the St. Paul Mission Society Trustees. The members of this Group shall serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan.

²⁵ Former Canon re Clergy Pensions, deleted by the XVIth Synod of the Original Province (Grand Rapids MI, 2005).

OP CANON 6.2. CORPORATE DISSOLUTION.

No part of the net income of any property, however described, of this Province or any Diocese or other Jurisdiction thereof or therein shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members or Clergy or other private persons; except that this Province or Diocese or other Jurisdiction thereof or therein shall be authorised and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Upon dissolution of the legal organization of this Province or any Diocese or other Jurisdiction thereof or therein as a corporation not-for-profit or as a non-profit corporation or eleemosynary corporation or as a religious, eleemosynary or charitable society, as set forth in Canon 21.1, the College of Bishops of this Church or of the Province, or the Bishop Ordinary or Episcopal Authority of that Jurisdiction, shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of such corporation or legal organization, dispose of all the assets of such corporation or legal organization exclusively for the purposes of the Church as previously incorporated or legally organised, or to an organization or organizations formed exclusively for such charitable, educational, eleemosynary, or religious purposes as shall at the time of dissolution qualify as a tax exempt organization or organizations (*e.g.*, under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the College of Bishops of this Province, or the Bishop Ordinary or Episcopal Authority, shall determine.

Any such corporate or societal assets not so disposed in accordance with the foregoing provision shall be disposed by order of the Court or Courts of that Civil Jurisdiction in which the principal office of such former corporation or legal organization is situate, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine to be formed and operated exclusively for such charitable, educational, eleemosynary, or religious purposes.

If this Province or any Diocese or other Jurisdiction thereof or therein shall be incorporated or legally organised or registered in a Civil Jurisdiction other than one in the United States, such corporation or legal organization or registration shall be subject to the appropriate similar statute or provisions of the Law of that Civil Jurisdiction as may be applicable upon the similar dissolution of such corporation or legal organization, entity or society to effect the purposes.

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STATUTES OF THE ORIGINAL PROVINCE

A STATUTE

REGARDING CLERGY PENSION FUNDS

Enacted by the XVth Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church at New Orleans (Metairie), Louisiana, October 22 to October 24, 2003. Amended by the XXth Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church at Newport Beach, California, October 23 to October 24, 2013.

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF CLERGY PENSION FUNDS

Pursuant to Canon 21. §21.11 of the Anglican Catholic Church, and of Provincial Canon 4, ¶4.3.01 there may be established Pension Funds for particular Clergy of individual Nations within the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church. This shall be done by a conclave of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Nation desiring to establish an Anglican Catholic Church Clergy Pension Fund.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

Any such Clergy Pension Fund shall be structured in accordance with the laws of the Nation in which it is established, and shall be administered in accordance with the authority and powers set forth in Provincial Canon ¶4.2.

A STATUTE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH COVERAGE

Originally enacted as a Statute of the Church by the Xth Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church at San Mateo, California, September 27-29, 1995. Deleted and re-enacted as a Provincial Statute by the XVIth Synod at Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 26-27, 2005:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The Metropolitan and the College of Bishops of this the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church shall have the authority to implement the provisions of Canon 4.3 of the Canons of this Province, after consultation with the Administrative Council.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Council shall have charge of administration for the College of Bishops of such plan or plans as the College shall direct and order to be implemented.

SECTION 3. INFORMATION

The Administrative Council shall provide information to the Clergy of this Province and others concerned, from time to time as necessary, concerning the plan or plans in place or arranged or changed, by periodic *Information for the Clergy* or *Notices for the Clergy* to be distributed by the Bishops Ordinary and Bishop Visitors of this Province and by notices in the Official Gazette of the Province.

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**A STATUTE
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE
MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**

Enacted by the XXth Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church at Newport Beach, California, October 23 to October 24, 2013:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSION SOCIETY

Canon 5 of the Canons of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church establishes the Mission Society of St. Paul the Apostle of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church, hereinafter referred to as the St. Paul Mission Society.

For contribution, banking, investment and other financial purposes the St. Paul Mission Society shall be styled the “St. Paul Mission Fund”.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

The St. Paul Mission Society shall be administered by a Board of Trustees exercising the authority and powers conferred on it by OP Canon 5, Paragraphs 5.3-5.5.

Such Board of Trustees shall consist of the Metropolitan or his Deputy together with four additional members experienced in business, finance and investment affairs nominated by the College of Bishops of the Original Province and appointed by the Metropolitan with the advice and consent of the College of Bishops of that Province.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be bonded by a surety bond issued by a commercial surety company, unless the Board of Trustees shall have contracted with a bonded professional fund manager to hold and invest the St. Paul Mission Fund monies.

The St. Paul Mission Society shall be temporally incorporated in a civil jurisdiction within the United States of America. The Metropolitan or his Deputy shall serve as Chairman and President and the Board of Trustees shall serve as Directors of the corporation. The Provincial Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the corporation and the Provincial Bursar or a Deputy Bursar designated by the Board of Trustees shall serve as Treasurer of the corporation. This Statute shall form an integral part of the by-laws of the corporation.

As determined by the Board of Trustees a portion of the assets of the St. Paul Mission Society may be invested, and if so shall be invested by a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) or other qualified professional fund manager through a bank, brokerage

house or other duly licensed investment firm headquartered in and regulated by the United States of America. Periodic reports concerning the assets and investments of the St. Paul Mission Society shall be obtained from the management of the St. Paul Mission Fund and distributed to the Board of Trustees and to the Provincial Bursar or appointed Deputy Bursar. All cash assets of the St. Paul Mission Fund shall be held in a bank headquartered in and regulated by the United States of America, and copies of the periodic bank statements of account shall be distributed by the Provincial Bursar or designated Deputy Bursar to the members of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3. CURRENCY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ST. PAUL MISSION FUND

Contributions to the St. Paul Mission Fund shall be in United States Dollars.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION AND ASSETS OF THE ST. PAUL MISSION SOCIETY

(a) *Due Diligence by Board of Trustees.*

Prior to any transfer of the administration or assets of the St. Paul Mission Society as contemplated in Paragraph 5.3(d) of OP Canon 5, the Board of Trustees shall determine that the Anglican Catholic Church has adopted and that there is in force an appropriate structure established by Canon(s) and Statute(s) of the Church for the safe and effective administration of the St. Paul Mission Society.

(b) *Assets to be held in the United States of America.*

It shall be a condition precedent and enduring to any transfer of administration or assets as contemplated in Paragraph 5.3(d) of OP Canon 5 that the St. Paul Mission Society continue to be temporally incorporated in a civil jurisdiction within the United States of America. The Statute of the Church establishing the Administration of the Society shall form an integral part of the by-laws of that corporation.

If following any transfer of administration or assets as contemplated in Paragraph 5.3(d) of OP Canon 5 a portion of the assets of the St. Paul Mission Society will be or remain invested, such investment shall be done by a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) or other qualified professional fund manager through a bank, brokerage house or other duly licensed investment firm headquartered in and regulated by the United States of America. All cash assets of the St. Paul Mission Fund shall continue to be held in a bank headquartered in and regulated by the United States of America.

(c) *Advice and Consent of Provincial Synod required.*

The advice and consent of the Synod of this Original Province shall be a condition precedent to any transfer of administration or assets as contemplated in Paragraph 5.3(d) of OP Canon 5.

A STATUTE
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCIAL SEMINARY
OF RELIGIOUS AND HOLY PURPOSE

[Enacted by the Third Synod of the Original Province of the Anglican Catholic Church at Mobile, Alabama, October 22-25, 1980, and amended by the Fourth Synod of the Original Province at Kansas City, Missouri, June 9-12, 1982, the Fifth Synod of the Original Province at Orlando, Florida, October 17-20, 1983, and the Seventh Synod of the Original Province at New Orleans, Louisiana, September 30 to October 2, 1987. Abrogated and repealed by the Fifteenth Synod of the Original Province at New Orleans, Louisiana, October 22-24, 2003.]

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TABLE OF SYNODS OF THE ORIGINAL PROVINCE

<u>No.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATES</u>
I	DALLAS, TEXAS	1978	OCTOBER 19-21
II	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	1979	OCTOBER 18-20
III	MOBILE, ALABAMA	1980	OCTOBER 22-25
IV	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	1982	JUNE 9-12
V	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	1983	OCTOBER 17-20
VI	CINCINNATI, OHIO	1985	OCTOBER 8-11
VII	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	1987	SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2
VIII	DENVER, COLORADO	1989	OCTOBER 2-6
IX	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	1991	SEPTEMBER 18-20
X	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	1993	SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1
XI	SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA	1995	SEPTEMBER 27-29
XII	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	1997	OCTOBER 13-17
XIII	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	1999	OCTOBER 20-22
XIV	DENVER, COLORADO	2001	OCTOBER 22-24
XV	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	2003	OCTOBER 22-24
XVI	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	2005	OCTOBER 26-27
XVII	CLEVELAND, OHIO	2007	OCTOBER 10-11
XVIII	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	2009	OCTOBER 28-30
XIX	WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA	2011	OCTOBER 5-7
XX	NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2013	OCTOBER 23-24
XXI	ATHENS, GEORGIA	2015	OCTOBER 28-29

TABLE OF METROPOLITANS OF THE ORIGINAL PROVINCE

THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES DAVID DALE DOREN (SENIOR BISHOP)	1978-1981
THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES ORIN MOTE (SENIOR BISHOP)	1981-1983
THE MOST REVEREND LOUIS WAHL FALK III	1983-1991
THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM OLIVER LEWIS	1991-1997
THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL DEAN STEPHENS	1997-1998
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN THAYER CAHOON, JR.	1998-2001
THE MOST REVEREND BROTHER JOHN CHARLES [VOCKLER], F.O.D.C.	2001-2005
THE MOST REVEREND DOCTOR MARK DAVID HAVERLAND	2005-

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