

**SOME CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION & CANONS  
Of the Diocese of Northern Michigan  
As of October 1994**

- No more distinction between parishes and missions; all are now “congregations: no more “Bishop’s Committees” ; every congregation now has a Vestry.
- The Vestry can have any number of members between 3 and 15.
- There may be either one or two wardens in any congregation (the titles “Junior Warden” and “Senior Warden” do not exist in canons, but may be used according to local custom, if desired).
- The Secretary and Treasurer of the Vestry may (but need not be) the same person.
- Previously the Rector (and in his/her absence, the Warden) presided at all Vestry and congregational meetings. Now, the Vestry selects someone from its membership to serve as convener. At a congregational meeting, the convener may be the warden, rector or other appointed person.
- At Diocesan Convention:
  - Every baptized person of the diocese is entitled to seat and voice at Convention.
  - Each congregation (whatever the size) may send up to four voting delegates.
  - Clergy have votes when selected as a delegate from one of the congregations with which (s)he worships regularly.
  - No more voting “by order” (by which the ordained and non-ordained vote separately). Instead, in matters of particular importance (such as the election of a bishop and the amendment of the constitution) a two-thirds majority of all ballots cast plus a simple majority of all congregations represented at the convention is required.