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SECTION 2. Duties.

- (a) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Diocese and not otherwise regulated. The Treasurer shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of General Convention the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of General Convention.
- (b) Property. The Treasurer shall oversee custody of all deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, and other documents pertaining to the property of the Diocese, together with such additional duties with respect thereto as Diocesan Council shall from time to time specify.
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SECTION 9. Powers. Diocesan Council shall have the following powers:

- (a) **Powers of the Diocesan Council.** Diocesan Council shall have all the powers of Diocesan Convention when Diocesan Convention is not in session, except the power to elect a Bishop, to amend the Articles of Reincorporation or the Canons or to adopt rules of Diocesan Convention.
- (b) **Responsibility for Business Affairs of the Diocese.** Diocesan Council shall have the responsibility for the business affairs of the Diocese and of each Board and Committee thereof, which responsibility shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
 - (i) property management;
 - (ii) supervision of investments and the determination of investment policies;
 - (iii) preparation of Diocesan program and budget for submission to Diocesan Convention;
 - (iv) authorizing the expenditure of all funds;
 - (v) management of all Diocesan bank accounts, including, but not limited to, selecting banks of deposit, closing bank accounts, and designating those authorized to sign checks for the Diocese;
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SECTION 1. Management. Diocesan Council shall take charge of, manage, and control all lands, tenements, hereditaments, trusts, money and other things belonging to the Diocese, and authorize the execution of all documents as may be required for such purposes subject to the limitations of Section 3 (c) hereof.

SECTION 2. President and Directors. The Bishop Diocesan shall be the President of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, Inc., (the “Corporation”), and the members of Diocesan Council shall function as the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

SECTION 3. Authority to Act. The Bishop Diocesan and the Finance and Investment Committee, together with the Treasurer, shall be authorized to conduct such business matters as Diocesan Council may deem advisable; Diocesan Council hereby so delegates as follows:

- (a) **Secretary of the Committee of Finance and Investment.** The Finance and Investment Committee shall appoint one of its number to be secretary thereof to keep a record of its meetings, to certify to the same to Diocesan Council, and to execute documents in behalf of the Diocese as provided for in Section 5 of this Canon 12.
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