

Charter and Canons
Resolution 2026-10
Expanding Standing Committee Presidency
(A Red Resolution)

Whereas the catechism of the prayer book points out the laity as ministers of the church and lists them first before bishop, priest, and deacon and;

Whereas laity are included in the councils of the church at every level, from Executive Committee of The General Convention down to the vestry of a parish, therefore

Be it resolved that well equipped laity be empowered to be elected President of the Standing Committee, should the membership of the Standing Committee determine to do so and Canon 10.3 be revised to read

SECTION 3. Officers. The Standing Committee shall elect from its membership a president and a secretary. The President, ~~who must be a priest,~~ has seat and voice at meetings of Diocesan Council but no vote. Provided however, if the Standing Committee is acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, the president shall have a vote at meetings of Diocesan Council.