seniority, or if there be no Archdeacon, then the Bishop's Commissary at the time such vacancy or absence shall occur, or if there be no such Commissary, then any three Clergymen, being members of the Synod, shall, on written requisition from three clerical and five lay members of the Synod, call a special meeting on any occasion, at such time or place as he or they, in summoning such meeting, shall direct; and six weeks' notice of the time and place of meeting shall be issued to all persons entitled to a seat thereat, by the Secretary of the Synod, or, in case of his absence, or if the office be vacant, by some person appointed for that purpose by the persons summoning the Synod.

XIII.

Notice of all meetings of the Synod shall be given by the Secretary of the Synod, in writing, to the persons entitled to a seat thereat. A notice, duly addressed and placed in the post office, shall be sufficient advice.

XIV.

When the Bishop is present he shall preside at all meetings of the Synod, and when he is not present his Commissary specially authorized shall preside; and if the Bishop has not appointed a Commissary, then the Senior Dignitary or Clergyman of the Diocese present shall preside.

XV.

A Secretary shall be chosen by the Laity and one by the Clergy, on the first day of each annual meeting of the Synod, and they shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Synod. It shall be their duty to keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, and record them in a book provided for that purpose, to preserve all records and papers and other documents, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of their successors all property, books, and papers relating to the concerns of the Synod which may be in their possession.

XVI.

Any proposition for the alteration of this constitution, or of any other of the canons, shall be sent to the Executive Committee, and by them laid before the Synod to be considered at the ensuing meeting, and, if approved by the Bishop and a majority of the members of the Synod, shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if again approved by the Bishop and a majority consisting of two-thirds of each of the two orders of the Clergy and Laity, it shall be confirmed.

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