

## C23-2 Appleton Board of Governors

Resolved, that Canon 9 of the Canons of the Diocese of Atlanta be amended as follows:

# Canon 9 – Of the Board of Governors of Appleton Episcopal Ministries

## GOVERNANCE

### Section 1.

Appleton Episcopal Ministries of the Diocese of Atlanta shall be under the direction and control of a Board to be known as the Board of Governors of Appleton Episcopal Ministries. Appleton Episcopal Ministries shall be a ministry of the ~~Macon~~ Middle GA Convocation and the Diocese of Atlanta. The purpose of Appleton Episcopal Ministries is to share God's love **by partnering with parishes to promote the health, safety, education, and well-being of underserved children and families in central Georgia.** ~~promoting the health, education, and safety of underserved children and families in central Georgia.~~

### Section 2.

The Board of Governors shall consist of the following:

- (a). The diocesan Bishop, The Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or the Bishop's representative shall be a member of the Board, having voice, but not vote; and
- (b). One representative from each parish of the ~~Macon~~ Middle GA Convocation **which chooses to select one, no more than three of whom shall be clerics selected by Macon Convocation's Clericus no more than two of whom shall be clerics in the Middle GA Convocation;** and
- (c). Not more than two at-large representatives **from who live in** the Middle GA Convocation selected by members of the existing Board of Governors and confirmed by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

### Section 3.

All members of the Board shall have a term of three years, and shall be eligible for successive terms. No member shall serve more than two successive terms.

**Section 4.**

Vacancies occurring on the Board may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board with the approval of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

**Section 5.**

The Board of Governors shall have the authority to adopt by-laws and organize itself in whatever manner it deems desirable for the efficient and effective conduct of this ministry consistent with the canons and constitution of the Diocese.

**Section 6.**

The Board of Governors shall hold at least four meetings each year, one in each calendar quarter, and at such other times as deemed necessary by the Bishop and/or the Chair.

**Section 7.**

The person who chairs the Board shall be appointed by the Bishop from among the Board's membership, and shall be responsible to see that report is made to the Annual Diocesan Council accounting for the stewardship and effective conduct of this ministry.

**Explanation:**

After operating under the current Canon 9 for nearly 10 years, we need to make some minor revisions and clarifications.

1. Since 2013, the Macon Convocation has been renamed the Middle Georgia Convocation.
2. The Appleton Board of Governors has updated its purpose/mission statement to better reflect its parish partnerships and to include the well-being of children and families

3. After the closure of St. James Church, the need to reduce the potential number of cleric members of this lay-driven board so that this cleric representation will be less than 1/3 of its membership
4. To add not more than two (2) at-large Board members from the Convocation to be selected by the existing Board of Governors and confirmed by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in order to increase the Board's capacity for fund raising and advocacy and ensure better representation if smaller parishes don't or can't send a representative