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Proposed Amendment to Rule of Order #1

4 **RESOLVED**, that Rule of Order 1 be amended to delete the words “a celebration of the
5 Holy Communion” and substitute “some form of liturgical offering, as approved by the
6 Bishop,” to read as follows:

7 “1. The Convention shall include some form of liturgical offering, as approved by
8 the Bishop, and an address by the Bishop, either of which shall be in order at any
9 time.”

10 **Explanation:**

11 Diocesan Conventions are governed by Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Rules of
12 Order. Canon 1(5)(e) provides that “The Rules of Order in force at the preceding annual
13 Convention shall be in force for the organization the Convention and shall remain in
14 force until changed by action of the Convention”. The current Rules of Order consist of
15 21 rules. Rule 19 provides that “No Rule of Order” shall be suspended, varied, amended
16 or rescinded unless by a majority vote of the delegates present.

17 In 2020 because of the Covid pandemic, the 89th Convention was held remotely by
18 Zoom. The Bishop requested that Holy Communion not be celebrated as a part of the
19 Convention. Rule of Order 1 was amended to delete “a celebration of the Holy
20 Communion”, but the amendment applied only to the 89th Convention. Thus, Rule of
21 Order 1 for this 90th Convention reads in its original form and requires a celebration of
22 Holy Communion. Going forward depending on circumstances Conventions may be held
23 remotely, as this 90th Convention, in-person, and/or in hybrid format. Therefore, it is
24 appropriate to amend the Rule so it does not need to be amended each year, and to permit
25 the Bishop to decide what type of liturgical offering to include, and whether Holy
26 Communion will be a part of it, depending upon the form of Convention takes (remote,
27 in-person or hybrid) and other relevant circumstances.

28 Rule 1 currently in effect provides that “The Convention shall include a celebration of
29 the Holy Communion and an address by the Bishop, either of which shall be in order at
30 any time.”

31 Accordingly, Rule 1 should be amended as set forth in the above resolution.

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