



# A Bishop Coadjutor for Liberia

ECL Chancellor Seward Montgomery Cooper





# VISION STATEMENT

To be a vibrant, loving,  
caring, welcoming and inclusive  
Christian  
community, worshipping, living, and  
serving according to teachings of the  
Holy Bible.



# OUR MISSION

**Win souls for the Kingdom of God  
through Jesus Christ by means of  
preaching, teaching, healing, sharing,  
advocating & transforming**



# Constitution & Canons

## Article I

### ECL Accedes to Constitution & Canons of Church of the Province of West Africa



CONSTITUTION  
& CANONS



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- **Bishop's Nominating Committee (BNC) elected at 2020 Diocesan Convention**
- **Nominating Committee: 4 Clergy and 4 Laity elected by their respective Houses**
- **Diocesan Chancellor is Chair of Nominating Committee and ex-officio member; but has no right to vote.**



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- Elections of Bishops done in Convention
  - Chair of Nominating Committee convenes Committee to consider nominations.
  - **Maximum 3 nominees; minimum 2 nominees**
  - **Bishop Coadjutor elected from names submitted by BNC**
  - Diocese Convention Secretary & Diocese Registrar within 7 days submit to Archbishop under Seal name of person elected.



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

Candidates for Bishop prior to the elections must:

1. **undergo a thorough medical examination**
2. **get certificate - no physical or mental condition exists to impair ability for the Office.**





# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- Election is by **secret ballot**
- **Clergy & laity vote together**
- **Two-thirds vote of members present & voting required**
- **Chancellor presides over election**
- **Election must be confirmed by Provincial Episcopal Synod.**



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- **Coadjutor Bishop must be elected from among eligible Clergy of any Diocese of Province of West Africa**
- **Appointment effective from consecration or enthronement**



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- Bishop-Elect provides Archbishop & Provincial Chancellor:
  - (i) Proof of Baptism
  - (ii) Letter of Orders
  - (iii) Letters commendatory or dimissory from Diocesan Bishop or Archbishop of Internal Province
- Primate seeks approval of election from Provincial Episcopal Synod.



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- Election confirmed, person notified, & instrument of confirmation issued to Diocese
- Proclaimed in Cathedral and Parish Churches
- Consecration
- After consecration, Primate sends new Bishop's name to all Metropolitans of the Anglican Communion.



# ELECTION OF BISHOP COADJUTOR

- If election not confirmed by the Provincial Episcopal Synod, Archbishop notifies Diocesan Convention
- Provincial Episcopal Synod decision is final.
- New election will be required



# CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God, from whom all wisdom flows, guide and direct the Committee entrusted by Your people to Nominate proper persons who shall be considered for service as Bishop Coadjutor for this Diocese.

Grant members of the Committee discernment to solemnly and with integrity impartially identify good servants capable and prepared to lead Your flock.

Free us from all personal prejudices; cleanse our thoughts and our hearts that by Your help we will focus only on that which will uplift this Diocese to vigorously carry forth Your Word.

We pray this in the precious name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.



# CONCLUSION

AMEN.

