

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 56 submitted by Diocesan Council.

Change numbering of Article 56 to Article 56A and add the following:

The Primate shall appoint a five person committee to act on his behalf, to meet with each delinquent parish to address issues concerning their delinquent payments, said committee to be appointed within thirty (30) days of passage of this Proposal/Bylaw.

The Committee shall personally meet with the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates of any Parish delinquent in its Diocesan assessments for six (6) or more months, for the purpose of resolving this delinquency.

In the event a Resolution of Delinquency is not established by the end of that particular fiscal year, then that Parish shall retain its pastoral vote(s), but shall not otherwise have voting representation at the Diocesan Assembly until such time as a resolution is established.

RATIONALE:

Delinquent Parish assessments have become a major factor contributing to Diocesan Budget deficits. This hinders the Diocesan Administration and Department in carrying out their work and programs and puts the Diocese in a difficult financial position. It is also unfair to those Parishes which faithfully fulfill their obligations. Any Parish financially unable to pay its assessments in a timely fashion can appeal to the Diocesan Council to arrange special extended payments. While we recognize the financial demands placed upon our faithful with the needs of Armenia as well as in this country, the Diocese must remain fiscally strong to be able to carry out its mission.

passed as amended in Minutes