

TITLE I EXPOSURE DRAFT 1/1/08

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Resolution _____ Proposed Revision of Canon I.17.8

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that Canon I.17.8 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 **Sec. 8.** Any person accepting any office in this Church shall well and faithfully perform
- 2 the duties of that office in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church
- 3 and of the Diocese in which the office is being exercised. *A lay person who holds an*
- 4 *office in this Church for which no compensation is received may be removed from that*
- 5 *office as follows:*
- 6 *(a) If the office is elective, removal may be without cause by vote of the electing body*
- 7 *duly noticed and held; or with cause for material disregard of the preceding sentence, or*
- 8 *for a stated intention to disregard it in the future, by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the*
- 9 *diocese in which the office is being exercised, with the advice and consent of the Standing*
- 10 *Committee;*
- 11 *(b) If the office is appointive, removal may be without cause by the appointing authority;*
- 12 *or with cause for material disregard of the preceding sentence, or for a stated intention*
- 13 *to disregard it in the future, by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese in which the*
- 14 *office is being exercised, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee ;*
- 15 *(c) No person may be removed for cause by the Ecclesiastical Authority without first*
- 16 *being given the opportunity to be heard by the Ecclesiastical Authority on the grounds for*
- 17 *removal. If the office is a congregational or community office, the clergy person in*
- 18 *charge of the congregation or community shall also be given the opportunity to be heard.*
- 19 *(d) Removal under this section creates a vacancy in the office to be filled in the same*
- 20 *manner as a vacancy created by death or resignation.*

[Italics = new wording]