

**CANON 22**  
**INCORPORATION AND MINISTRY EMPLOYEES**  
**OF A DIOCESAN ENTITY**

Section 22.1                    Incorporation of a Diocesan Entity

Any Diocesan entity, as defined herein, may incorporate or exist in any corporate form upon and subject to the terms and conditions of the Constitution and Canons.

For the purpose of this Canon, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below: The term “Diocesan entity” shall mean the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas (the “Diocese”), any Parish or Mission of the Diocese, any Episcopal school of the Diocese, as defined in the Canons, and any other Constitution and Canons as an instrumentality, or entity of the Diocese. The terms “Constitution” or “Canons” shall mean the existing Constitution or Canons, respectively, of the Diocese, and any amendment thereof. The term “Act” shall mean the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act and any amendment thereof.

Section 22.2                    Consent of the Bishop

The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of each incorporated Diocesan entity, and any amendment, modification, or restatement thereof, shall at all times require the prior written consent of the Bishop. The Bishop shall have the right to require the amendment, modification, or restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, or By-Laws, or both, of such incorporated Diocesan entity at any time and from time to time as a condition to the Bishop’s consent, or the continuation of such consent. If the office of the Bishop is vacant, the rights and duties of the Bishop, as set forth in this Canon, shall be those of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.