

Canon law of the NSKK

Excerpt/Summary

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1. Bishop

2. Priest and deacon

3. Candidate of Holy orders

4. Catechist

5. Entrusted clergy

6. Lay

57. Communicants and active communicants

57-2 The communicants who are taken communion at least twice a year in the belonged church are active communicants.

61. Transfer

The rector have to send the official letter and copy of registration to the rector of the next church when lay transfer to another church.

61-2 The rector who is taken the official letter and copy of registration from previous church have to register to the registration and send the official notice to the rector of the previous church within 7 days.

61-3 The rector who is taken the official notice from the next church have to be noted to the registration immediately.

63. Lay Reader

The diocesan bishop can appoint lay reader to the active communicants above 20 years old.

63-2 Lay reader help the rector at services.

63-3 When the diocesan bishop appoints lay readers, the nomination from the rector and half of vestry members and the recommendation of the standing committee of the diocese are needed.

63-5 Term of lay reader is one year. Reappointment is possible.

7. Prime Bishop and Bishop's Council

8. General Synod and Provincial Standing Committee

9. Provincial Office

10. Permanent and special committee

11. Diocese

109 Election of the representative of lay for diocesan convention

The representative of lay for diocesan convention have to be elected on every December.

110 Representative of lay

The active communicants above 16 years old have voting rights.

110-2 The active communicants above 20 years old can be elected.

12. Church

138 General assembly of the active communicants

The rector have to call a regular general assembly of the active communicants once a year.

139 Method of calling of the general assembly

Calling of the general assembly have to be announced publically with the agendas thirty days before.

140 Organizing of the general assembly

The general assembly is organized by the rector and the active communicants of over 16 years old.

141 Chairperson of general assembly

The rector have to the chairperson of the general assembly of the active communicants.

142 Quorum and vote of the general assembly

The general assembly have to be held at least by half members of the active communicants.

142-2 The decisions can be made at least by half members of the active communicants.

147 Holding the vestry meeting

The vestry meeting have to be held at least once a month.

148 Quorum and vote of the vestry meeting

The decisions can be made at least by half of the vestry members.

150 Election of the vestry members

The church holds the election of the vestry members every December.

151 Voting right or eligibility for election

The active communicants above 16 years old have voting rights.

151-2 The active communicants above 20 years old can be elected.

152 Announcement of the election

The rector have to announce the election period publically.

153 Method of the election

The voting of the vestry members have to be by the secret and plural ballot.

154 Substitute

The election of the vestry members have to elect the substitutes.

13. Service

14. Finance

173 Financial resources

The basic financial resources have to be the offering by the congregations.

176 Basic property

The land and building of the church which is owned by the diocese is the basic property of the diocese.

179 Change of the basic property

Getting, using and disposing of the basic property have to be decided by the general convention of the diocese. The subject of the basic property for the general convention have to be proposed by the standing committee of the diocese which is based on the resolution of the general assembly of the active communicants.

179-2 Changing of the basic property have to be screened by the standing committee which is based on the resolution of the general assembly of the active communicants and authorized by the diocesan bishop.

180 Financial year

The NSKK's financial year runs from January 1 till December 31.

181 Budget

The vestry members have to make the budget of the church every year and it have to be resolved by the general assembly of of the active communicants.

183 Account

The vestry members have to report and authorize the financial report, which should be audited by the auditor, at the general assembly of the active communicants.

184 Auditor

The role of the account auditor is decided by the general assembly of the active communicants.

185 Payment of clergy's salary

185-2 The salary of the rector, vice-rector or assistant rector have to be bearded by the church.

185-3 The salary of the clergy who does not work in the church have to be bearded by the diocese if the working place does not pay.

188 Remuneration Plan

The general convention of the diocese regulates salary and allowances of clergy and the payment have to be done by the regulations.

15. Marriage

16. Reprimand

17. Registration

222 Matters of the registration

The registration have to be included the followings.

- (1) Name, baptismal name
- (2) Birthday
- (3) Date, place, godparents and celebrant of Baptismal
- (4) Date, place, recommending priest and celebrating bishop of Confirmation and date and place of first receiving of communion
- (5) Name, baptismal name, name of belonged church of spouse and date, place, celebrant, guarantors of holy matrimony
- (6) Date and place of death and date, place and celebrant of funeral service
- (7) Transfer note of registration

18. General notices