

(j) "Diocese" means the Diocese of Easton.

(k) "Ecclesiastical Authority" means the Bishop or the Standing Committee of the Diocese if the Committee be canonically authorized to act.

(l) "Ecclesiastical matters" means those matters which may be and are regulated by the Protestant Episcopal Church or by its authority.

(m) "Gender"—words in the masculine may or shall include the feminine and neuter genders, except as may result from necessary implication.

(n) "Law" means statutory law enacted by the General Assembly of the State, or case law promulgated by judicial interpretation.

(o) "Member of Church" means a baptized person belonging to a Parish or a Separate Congregation or to the Protestant Episcopal Church, dependent upon context.

(p) "Member of Vestry" means a Vestryman, who, together with others, constitutes the governing body of a Parish.

(q) "Minister in charge" means the clergyman in temporary charge of a Parish.

(r) "Number"—words in the singular may or shall include the plural.

(s) "Original Vestry Act" means the Vestry Act of 1798, Chapter 24, and the amendments thereof.

(t) "Parish" means a geographical area, the bounds of which have been set apart and delimited for the purpose of Church organization and administration; as used in this sub-heading, "Parish" may also and often does include a "Separate Congregation", in so far as organization and administration are concerned.

(u) "Parochial year" means the period of time between the annual congregational meetings for the election of Vestrymen.

(v) "Record of By-Laws" means the book or record in which the by-laws of a parish are separately recorded.

(w) "Rector" means the priest in permanent charge of a parish.

(x) "Secular matters" means those matters which may be and are regulated by the State or by its authority.

(y) "Separate Congregation" means a congregation separately incorporated under the provisions of law regulating the formation of religious corporations generally, and later united with the Convention of the Diocese.

(z) "Treasurer" shall include an assistant treasurer and collector of contributions.

(aa) "Vestry" means the governing body of a Parish or Separate Congregation and may and often does include the "Cathedral Council".