

Resolution

To provide for the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Diocesan Stewardship and Parish Vitality and for other purposes.

Resolved,

SEC. 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

There is established the Advisory Committee on Diocesan Stewardship and Parish Vitality (in this Resolution referred to as the “Committee”).

SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) **APPOINTMENTS.**— Not later than March 1, 2020, the Bishop with the advice of Standing Committee shall appoint 11 members to the Committee, of whom—
- (1) 5 shall be clerical members of the Convention;
 - (2) 5 shall be lay communicants of this Diocese in good standing; and
 - (3) 1 shall be either a clerical member of the Convention or a lay communicant of this Diocese in good standing.
 - (4) Among those members listed in paragraphs (1) – (3), at least one shall be a member of a Latino congregation of the Diocese
 - (5) Among those members listed in paragraphs (1) – (3), at least one shall be a member of a Majority African American congregation of the Diocese
 - (6) Among those members listed in paragraphs (1) – (3), at least one shall be at least one member from each region of the Diocese.
- (b) **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.**— The Chancellor of the Diocese, Treasurer of Convention, and the Chief Operating Officer shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee without vote.
- (c) **CHAIR.**— The Bishop shall designate 1 of the members appointed under subsection (a) as Chair of the Committee.
- (d) **TERMS.**— The term for each appointment shall end with the termination of the Committee.
- (e) **VACANCIES.**— If a position on the Committee is vacant or a member of the Committee becomes unable to serve, the Bishop may appoint a replacement member for the remainder of the applicable term.

SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**— The Committee shall conduct a study of—
- (1) the standards that constitute a viable entity in the Diocese as a parish, separate congregation, or organized mission;
 - (2) the standards and processes that should be applied to a parish or separate congregation within the Diocese that would alter the organizational identity and status of that parish or separate congregation, due to financial and secular factors inhibiting that parish or

separate congregation from performing its mission and meeting its obligations as a parish or separate congregation under the Canons of the General Convention and the Canons of this Diocese;

- (3) the role of the Diocese in providing support and exercising authority in connection with the circumstances described under paragraph (2) affecting a parish, separate congregation, or organized mission in the Diocese;
- (4) the potential implications of applicable Federal and State law;
- (5) the standards and processes that are applied in other dioceses;
- (6) the effect of any material and continued failure to comply with canonical requirements by a parish, separate congregation, or organized mission; and
- (7) any other matter that the Committee determines is relevant to the study of the matters under paragraphs (1) through (6).

(b) **REPORT.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**

(A) **SUBMISSION.—** Not later than September 30, 2020, the Committee shall submit a report on the study conducted under subsection (a) and any recommendations to the Bishop, the Diocesan Council, and the Standing Committee.

(B) **EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DATE.—**

(i) **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION.—** The Committee may submit a request to the Bishop for an extension of the date for the submission of the report.

(ii) **AUTHORITY TO EXTEND.—** The Bishop may grant 1 or more extensions under this paragraph.

(2) **CANONS.—** If the Committee includes a recommendation to amend the Diocesan Canons, the Committee shall address the specific Canons to be amended and provide a detailed recommendation of the policy that should be implemented.

SEC. 4. TERMINATION.

The Committee shall terminate on the day following the last day of the Diocesan Convention held in calendar year 2021.