

**PETITION FOR MERGER OF  
PATUXENT PARISH (CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION),  
Lexington Park, Maryland,  
-and-  
WILLIAM & MARY PARISH (ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH),  
Valley Lee, Maryland,  
-to become-  
RESURRECTION PARISH (ASCENSION & ST. GEORGE'S CHURCHES)**

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Patuxent Parish (Church of the Ascension), Lexington Park, Maryland ("Patuxent Parish"), and the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of William & Mary Parish (St. George's Church), Valley Lee, Maryland ("William & Mary Parish"), do hereby petition the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Washington (the "Convention"), pursuant to Canon 34 of the Canons of the Convention and the Maryland Vestry Act, as follows:

1. That Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish be merged together to form Resurrection Parish;
2. That Resurrection Parish maintain two Parish Churches at which worship will be regularly held: Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park, Maryland, and St. George's Church, Valley Lee, Maryland;
3. That the boundaries of Resurrection Parish be co-extensive with the existing boundaries of Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish, as described in and shown on the map enclosed as Exhibit A to this Petition; and
4. That the effectiveness of the merger occur on the last day of the annual meeting of the Convention at which this Petition is approved for the second time.

In support of this Petition, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of both Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish provide the following additional information:

- Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish entered into a 3-year Covenant to share a common life in June 2016, and since that time have moved to share both ministry and the supporting business functions that serve the ministry. The two parishes have had a common Rector since 2017.
- As Resurrection Parish, there will be increased efficiencies in having one governance and business structure.
- A merged Resurrection Parish will have sufficient financial resources to pay its operating expenses, contribute to the Diocese based on its normal operating budget, continue to develop sound stewardship practices, engage a priest to work an appropriate amount of time as agreed with the Bishop, and pay the salary, pension contribution and health insurance premiums of the priest as recommended by Diocesan guidelines.
- Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish have approved new bylaws that will become effective as the bylaws of Resurrection Parish upon the effectiveness of the merger. The

bylaws provide provisions for the transition of existing Vestry terms and the schedule for annual meetings.

- Each step of the process leading to this Petition has been taken in consultation with, and with the support of, the Bishop and the Diocesan staff.

The Vestries of Patuxent Parish and William & Mary Parish approved the merger in March 2019, and authorized the submission of a Petition for Merger pursuant to Canon 34 and the Maryland Vestry Act.

Respectfully submitted,

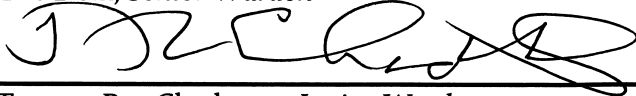
For Patuxent Parish (Church of the Ascension), Lexington Park, Maryland:



The Rev. Greg Syler, Rector



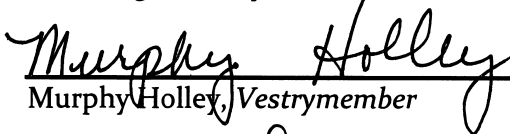
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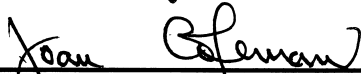
Tommy Ray Chedester, Junior Warden



Celia Engel, Vestrymember



Murphy Holley, Vestrymember



Joan Coleman, Vestrymember and Treasurer



Tom Daugherty, Vestrymember



Kathy Weigel, Vestrymember

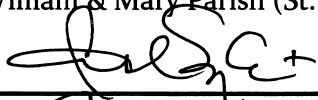


Jim Kenney, Vestrymember

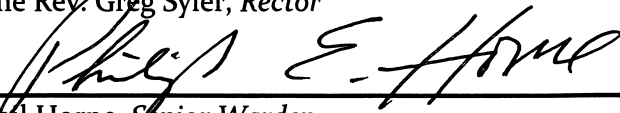


Tom DeSelms, Vestrymember

For William & Mary Parish (St. George's Church), Valley Lee, Maryland:



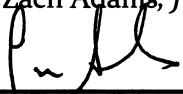
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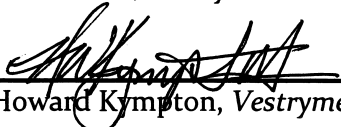
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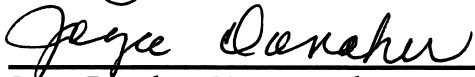
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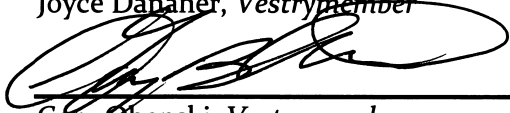
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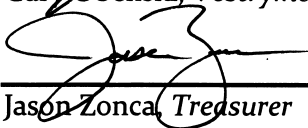
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Joyce Danaher, Vestrymember



Gary Obenski, Vestrymember



Jason Zonca, Treasurer



Nancy Starks, Clerk of the Vestry