

Substitute Resolution: Call for Episcopal Election
Approved by the Standing Committee – October 7, 2010

Be it resolved, that the 145th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh hereby calls for the election of the Eighth Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh at a Special Convention of the Diocese to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012; and

Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee appoint a *Nomination Committee*, to prepare a diocesan Profile which shall have been approved by the Standing Committee, and to implement the Standing Committee's Guidelines for nomination of individuals by the Nomination Committee and nomination of individuals by Petition, and to present to the Special Convention a ballot with no fewer than four Nominees.

Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee appoint a *Transition Committee*, to work with Bishop and Mrs. Price, the diocesan staff, the Standing Committee, the Nomination Committee, and other diocesan officers and organizations, and the Bishop-elect and his or her family, to manage the pre-election process, the election, the celebration of Bishop Price's ministry, and the welcoming and ordination/consecration of a new bishop; and

Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, appoint a *Diocesan Consultant*, to advise diocesan leadership and the Nomination and Transition Committees and to provide ongoing resources and support; and

Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee prepare a budget for expenses related to all aspects of diocesan transition and the election and consecration of a new bishop and submit that budget to the Board of Trustees for approval and funding by special allocation from diocesan reserves.

Explanation

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Bishop Provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, has indicated to the Standing Committee his intention to complete his service in Pittsburgh in the summer or fall of 2012, and has, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, called for the election of the Eighth Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

After considerable deliberation, following consultation with the Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews, Director of the Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops, and in light of discussions at three Pre-convention Meetings, the Standing Committee recommends this process leading to the election of our next bishop.

The Nomination Committee will develop a broad and open process of diocesan conversation leading to the creation of a Profile. Following the publication of the Profile, which shall have been approved by the Standing Committee, the Nomination Committee will begin the process of

assembling a ballot of no fewer than four nominees to be presented to the Special Convention on April 21, 2012. There will be two modes of nomination.

The first mode of nomination will be Nomination by the Nomination Committee. Any person within or beyond the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh may present a name (including self-nomination) for consideration by the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee may also recruit actively by soliciting submission of nominations through the Church Deployment Office or any other means. Prayerfully informed by the Diocesan Profile, the Nomination Committee will develop its own procedures to consider these nominees.

The second mode of nomination will be Nomination by Petition, which requires ten signatures from individuals of three or more parishes. Following the announcement of the Nominees presented by the Nomination Committee there will be a three week period during which any four canonically resident clergy, with any six laypersons who are communicants in good standing in parishes of the diocese, three of whom must be deputies to the Diocesan Convention, may submit a Nominating Petition in writing to the Nomination Committee. No person may sign more than one petition. Assuming successful completion of background checks and completion of the materials required by the Nomination Committee, those nominated by Petition will be included on the ballot presented to the Special Convention.

The Nomination Committee will complete the necessary background checks and clearances for all Nominees and will work with all Nominees, those presented by the Committee and those presented by Petition, to prepare biographical and other informational materials to introduce all Nominees to the people of the diocese. The Transition Committee will arrange for "Walk-About" opportunities for the Clergy, Lay Deputies, and other members of the diocese to meet the Nominees prior to the election.