

RESOLUTION 5

**RESOLUTION PROMOTING PARTICIPATORY DECISION MAKING
PRACTICES**

WHEREAS the special meeting of the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth on February 7, 2009, resolved to experiment with “a decision making process in which all orders of ministry and representatives of all members of the diocese participate fully”; and

WHEREAS respondents to that experiment found the experience rewarding, enjoyable, and affirmative; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this twenty-seventh convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth direct the Resolution 4 Committee appointed by the Standing Committee to share and interpret the results in detail among all the congregations of the diocese by Easter 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourage leadership at all levels to become familiar with and learn to work with decision making procedures which encourage involvement by all the baptized.

Submitted by: Resolution Four Committee

RESOLUTION 6

COMMISSION ON DIOCESAN STRUCTURE

WHEREAS an inclusive poll of the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth revealed inspiring willingness to participate in the mission and ministry of the diocese at all levels; and

WHEREAS though the same poll was instructive about respondents’ vision, ideas, and preferences for communication, it also revealed a need to clarify procedures for prioritizing and implementing mission and ministry goals; and

WHEREAS other dioceses have adopted structures of operation which encourage and enable communication and involvement among all the baptized at all levels of the church’s work; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this twenty-seventh convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth ask the Bishop and the Standing Committee to identify and appoint, before Ash Wednesday 2010, a commission of up to ten members of the diocese to undertake a

study of the best practices in other dioceses aimed at enabling communication and involvement of all the baptized at all levels of the church's work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said commission report its findings in detail to the twenty-eighth convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, both in written form one month before the twenty-eighth convention and in person at the time of gathering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said commission make to the twenty-eighth convention its recommendations for modifying diocesan structures and operating procedures in ways that encourage innovation and ownership among all elements of the diocese and for maximizing the involvement and participation of all the baptized in the mission and ministry of the diocese.

Submitted by: Resolution Four Committee

RESOLUTION 7

COORDINATION OF KEY MINISTRIES

WHEREAS a poll of the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth revealed strong concurrence on two ministry goals, *viz.* “care for poor and homeless people” and “missionary work and evangelism to bring new people into the Episcopal Church”; and

WHEREAS the same poll revealed strong agreement that the diocesan leadership should organize, train, and enable people to achieve those goals at both the diocesan level and among the congregations of the diocese; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this twenty-seventh convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth ask the Bishop to assign responsibility and accountability at the diocesan level for organizing, training, and enabling people to achieve those goals among the congregations of the diocese and beyond.

Submitted by: Resolution Four Committee