

RESOLUTION

No. 30-1

ORIGINATOR: The Standing Committee

SUBJECT: Support of Bishop Johnson's Sabbatical

WHEREAS, God rests from labor on the seventh day of creation (Genesis :2-3); and

WHEREAS, God instructs us to rest from labor in order to keep the sabbath day holy (Exodus 20:8-11); and

WHEREAS, God further instructs all to rest from their labors every seven years to honor the Lord (Leviticus 25); and

WHEREAS, The Diocese of West Tennessee and The Episcopal Church call for sabbatical retreats for all clergy and bishops once every seven years; and

WHEREAS, The Right Reverend Don E. Johnson, Third Bishop of The Diocese of West Tennessee, is now in the 10th year of his consecration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Tennessee commend and support The Right Reverend Don E. Johnson in his decision to take a sabbatical leave during 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention encourage the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Finance Committee, and Bishop and Council to make the appropriate financial plans to support this model of healthy ministry as well as financially plan for any future sabbaticals by Bishops of this Diocese within the regular operating budget.