

## **RESOLUTION**

**No. 30-2a**

**ORIGINATOR:** The Bishop and Council

**SUBJECT:** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Tennessee

RESOLVED that the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention be held on a date in the fourth quarter of 2011 as established at the March 2011 Annual Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee on Canons be instructed to review any matters needed to facilitate planning for this convention date; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all officers of the Diocese who are elected at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, will continue to serve until their successors are elected at the Annual Convention of the year in which their regular term expires.

### **EXPLANATION**

At the Sixteenth Annual Convention in October 1997, the time of year for holding the Annual Convention was changed from the last quarter of the year to the first quarter of the year in order to provide time for congregations to complete their stewardship campaigns, determine their voluntary commitments to the Diocese, and for the Diocese to set its annual budget based on the voluntary commitments for the current year. Subject to the determination being made by this Convention that the voluntary commitments should be based on the prior year's Parochial Report of operating income, there is no longer the need to delay setting the date of the Diocesan Annual Convention beyond that fourth quarter of the year. Moving the Annual Convention to the fourth quarter of the year will greatly facilitate the budget process.