

RESOLUTION

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SUBJECT: Proposed Strategic Priorities for The Diocese of West Tennessee

RESOLVED, that “The Episcopal Church in West Tennessee invites all people, as God’s beloved, into communities of Christian Faith, Love and Service” be adopted as the Diocesan Mission Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that “The Episcopal Church in West Tennessee is a welcoming community of believers with many voices, yet one faith in Jesus Christ, united in the Book of Common Prayer, nurtured by the sacraments and empowered by the Word of God for our ministry in the world” be adopted as the Diocesan Vision Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following six priorities be adopted as the Diocesan Core Values:

1. Know and proclaim our identity as Christians, building on common foundations that shape us as Episcopalians.
2. Honor diverse expressions of our common mission.
3. Promote the understanding that each parish and mission is the Diocese serving in their community.
4. Identify, develop and sustain lay and clergy leaders.
5. Build and strengthen relationships through communication and collaboration.
6. Invite and include all people into community where all may be transformed by the Gospel.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mission and Vision Statements and Priorities as adopted by the Convention be referred to the Bishop and Council for implementation.