Resolution #2: COMMON MISSION SUPPORT

Submitted by: the Program and Budget Committee/Finance Committee

RESOLVED, that the 230th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut requires that each parish and worshipping community in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut contribute a minimum of 10% of their trailing year’s revenue as reported on Line B of the parish Parochial Report annually to the Budget of Convention to support our common work and participation in God’s mission in Connecticut, across The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, and to the ends of the earth;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that parishes historically giving greater than 10% of their operating revenue who reduce their giving to 10% be invited to share their stories across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut as to how they redeployed the freed up resources to advance participation in God’s mission in their local context.

Explanation:
“Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence,” Resolution #1 of the 2011 Diocesan Convention effectively set 10% of parish revenue as the expected level of giving to our Budget of Convention. This resolution clearly establishes the standard of 10% as the required contribution to our annual Budget of Convention from parishes and worshipping communities.

Reducing giving from 12.5% to 10% frees new resources for local participation in God’s mission and the second resolve invites the sharing of these stories.

The 10% giving formula will greatly simplify budgeting procedures; and ending annual parish pledge solicitation and documentation will save significant staff time and resources.

How Does the Resolution Further God’s Mission of Restoration and Reconciliation With All Creation:
The Episcopal Church of Connecticut (the diocese) is made up of 168 parishes and worshipping communities and close to 60,000 Episcopalians across the state of Connecticut. The annual Budget of Convention is a concrete example of our common witness to, and participation in, God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through it we support mission activities across Connecticut, in the broader Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, and ecumenically.
Statement of Requirements to implement:
The bishops and finance staff of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will make appropriate administrative changes to implement the resolution. No additional actions or costs are expected.