

Resolution 1
October 4, 2008
42nd Annual Convention
Rock Springs, Wyoming

Upon being informed that the Right Reverend Bruce Caldwell has announced his intention to retire, this Convention calls for the election of his successor in a manner consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Wyoming. This Convention encourages all members of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming to actively participate in and contribute to the search for a successor Diocesan Bishop and to make the transition to our new Episcopate leadership a success. In order to achieve these objectives,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

First, an Oversight Committee is created. This Oversight Committee shall consist of three members from the Standing Committee and three members from the Diocesan Council, to be appointed from each body and elected or selected in a manner determined by that body itself, and to serve for the duration of the life of the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall elect one Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons. In addition, the Chairperson of the Budget Committee from the Diocesan Council shall be available to support the Oversight Committee's efforts when called upon to do so by the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons of the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall supervise the selection of, election of and transition to new Episcopal leadership as well as all related activities.

Second, two additional committees are created: a Search Committee and a Transition Committee, each of which committees shall be led by one Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons. The Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the Search Committee and the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the Transition Committee shall be selected by the Bishop. The Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the Search Committee and the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the Transition Committee shall work with and coordinate all activities through the Oversight Committee.

The Search Committee shall initially consist of no more than sixteen members, plus one Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons, and shall be charged with developing and implementing a plan for the selection of the next Bishop. The Search Committee shall consist of no fewer than two representatives from each Region, with the Oversight Committee appointing no more than four additional members.

The Transition Committee shall initially consist of no more than sixteen members, plus one Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons, and shall be charged with selecting a

site for the consecration, supporting the governance of the Diocese from Bishop Caldwell's leadership to his successor's leadership, and supporting the leadership of Bishop Caldwell and his successor Bishop during the transition through their life in the Church. The Transition Committee shall consist of no fewer than two representatives from each Region, with the Oversight Committee appointing no more than four additional members, if appropriate and necessary.

The Search Committee and the Transition Committee shall create subcommittees as necessary, and subcommittees of the Search Committee and the Transition Committee may work in concert as necessary on projects of mutual concern.

Third, each of the six Regions shall submit to the Oversight Committee the names of no fewer than four individuals from each such Region who are qualified and willing to serve on either the Search Committee and/or the Transition Committee. The Oversight Committee shall appoint, from the names submitted by each Region, two representatives from each Region to serve on the Search Committee and two representatives from each Region to serve on the Transition Committee. Each Regional Representative who now sits on the Council shall work with the Ministry Developer for that Region, as well as each church within that Region, to ensure broad representation in those presented for service. The Oversight Committee is charged with creating committees that consist of persons who are creative, committed and experienced in the life of the Diocese and our Episcopal Church and who bring different skills to the work of each Committee consistent with that Committee's specific responsibilities. The Oversight Committee shall, no later than November 15, 2008, present a profile to pertinent parties within the Diocese to support the process of selection for service on the Search Committee and the Transition Committee. The Search Committee and the Transition Committee shall work in concert to establish a schedule of activities directed at consecrating the new Bishop no later than eighteen months from the time of this Convention. The schedule of activities shall be submitted to the Oversight Committee for review, revision and approval.

Fourth, the Constitution and Canon Committee shall coordinate with the Oversight Committee and shall work with the Chancellor and the Deputy Chancellor to arrange a Special Convention, if necessary, as provided for in the Canons of the Diocese of Wyoming and shall establish rules and guidelines to ensure the fair and expeditious election of a successor to the Right Reverend Bruce Caldwell.

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