

MOTION
PRESENTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
DIOCESE OF MINNESOTA

Support for the Search and Transition Plan
of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Minnesota
and Approval of Rules of Election
to Elect the IX Bishop Diocesan of Minnesota

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2008, Bishop Jelinek notified the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Minnesota (the "Standing Committee") of his intent to resign as Bishop Diocesan in 2010 on the day of the consecration of the IX Bishop of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Canon III. 11.2 of the National Church Canons, Bishop Jelinek asked the Standing Committee for its consent to the Bishop's call for a Convention in 2009 for the election of a successor Bishop Diocesan;

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee accepted the Bishop's notice of resignation and prepared a plan for undertaking a search and transition process; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee discussed its plan for the search and transition process with the Trustees of the Diocese of Minnesota, Incorporated (the "Trustees") and the Trustees approved support of the Standing Committee's plan which included the Trustees working in cooperation with Diocesan Council to identify sufficient funds for implementing the plan and to make said funding available accordingly;

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee discussed its plan for the search and transition process with the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Minnesota, and the Diocesan Council approved support of the Standing Committee's plan which included the Diocesan Council working in cooperation with Trustees to identify sufficient funds and to implement the plan and to make said funding available accordingly;

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee has now presented its plan for the search and transition process to this Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota and proposed Special Rules of Order and Procedures for the election of a Bishop and asks for support of the plan, affirmation of the Trustees action on the matter and approval of the rules and procedures of election;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED THAT, the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota at its 151st Diocesan Convention meeting on October 24 and 25, 2008, at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minnesota supports the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Minnesota in its implementing a search and transition plan for the election and consecration of the IX Bishop of Minnesota and in accordance with Canon III.11.1 approves and prescribes the Special Rules of Order and Procedures set forth by the Standing Committee for the election of the IX Bishop Diocesan of Minnesota.

Date: _____

Secretary of Convention