Resolution #1

Amend Resolution #3 Adopted by the 93rd Annual Diocesan Convention

Resolved, That Resolution #3 adopted by the 93rd Annual Diocesan Convention meeting on November 2, 1991, be amended to designate five per cent (5%) of the annual budget of the diocese for congregation revitalization and development and five percent (5%) to the operating budget of the diocese until rescinded by a subsequent convention.

EXPLANATION

Resolution #3 adopted by the 93rd Annual Diocesan Convention follows:

Resolved, That beginning with the budget year 1993, four per cent (4%) of the budget of the Diocese of Northern Indiana be devoted to established congregation revitalization and new congregation development and be it further

Resolved, That in each subsequent year an additional one per cent (1%) shall be devoted to established congregation revitalization and new congregation development until ten per cent (10%) of the total budget is used in this way; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congregation Revitalization and Development Committee be instructed to present for approval a plan for allocation of this money and guidelines for its ongoing use at the 94th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana in 1993. (p. 62, *1991 Journal*)

This resolution was submitted by the Missionary Strategy Task Force appointed by Bishop Gray to develop a long-range mission plan for the diocese.

The 99th Annual Diocesan Convention in 1997 adopted by amendment to Resolution #4 “that the appropriation of Revitalization and Development in the 1998 Diocesan Budget be set at $31,000, with the remainder freed to be applied towards a mortgage for a new chapel at the Wawasee Episcopal Center, Syracuse, Indiana, and shown as a separate line item, and that the original enabling resolution setting aside a percentage of funds out of each operating budget for revitalization and development be amended accordingly for as long as the term of the mortgage lasts.” (p. 85, *1997 Journal*)

The Wawasee mortgage is expected to be paid at the end of the current fiscal year. As noted in the above paragraph, the balance which was used for that mortgage reverts as provided in Resolution #3 adopted by the 93rd Diocesan Convention setting aside 10% of the budgeted income for congregation revitalization and development. The resolution recognizes both our current diocesan financial constraints and our continued commitment to mission.

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