



Resolutions adopted by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac 2008

Resolution 2008-01 "Communion Partners" PASSED AS AMENDED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that the Diocese of Fond du Lac recognizes the Communion Partners initiative to which Bishop Russell E. Jacobus is a signatory and affirm our Bishop in his involvement with this initiative to strengthen our ties with the Anglican Communion, strengthen our commitment to the observances of diocesan boundaries within the Episcopal Church and strengthen the exercise of the Episcopal office as a focus of unity, and;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution certified by the Secretary of this Convention be sent to the office of the Presiding Bishop, the Executive Council of the national church and the Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Resolution 2008-02 "Hunger Initiatives" PASSED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that its constituent congregations be called to:

- regularly offer corporate and private prayers for those who suffer hunger at home and abroad;
- consider a communal fast in solidarity with the hungry;
- involve the congregation in such programs as are available locally addressing the issue of hunger, if not already doing so;
- seek ways to bring the concerns about hunger to bear on public officials in hopes of addressing the problem;
- encourage members to adopt food purchase habits that reflect good stewardship of our natural resources;
- provide financial support for Episcopal Relief and Development and/or other agencies that directly serve the needs of the hungry around the world.

Resolution 2008-03 "National Seminarian Support" PASSED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that this Convention memorialize the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and its Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide funding in the coming triennium in the amount of \$100,000 in year one, \$150,000 in year two and \$200,000 in year three for the purpose of providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians, and;

Be it further resolved, that said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years of experience in administering scholarship grants to Episcopal seminarians, and;

Be it further resolved that this Convention memorialize the General Convention to direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to 77th General Convention.

Resolution 2008-04 "Diocesan Seminarian Support" PASSED AS AMENDED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that the Diocese promises financial support to those persons in the ordination process for the priesthood and enrolled in an accredited seminary, of at least \$7,500 per year, and;

Be it further resolved that...this diocese promises financial support to those persons in the ordination process for the diaconate and enrolled in the Diocesan "Deacons School" of at least \$250 per year, and;

Be it further resolved that this Convention encourage each congregation within the Diocese to adopt a 1% budget commitment for seminary support to be directed to an Episcopal seminary or to support in other ways as may be needed those training for ordained ministry.

Resolution 2008-05 "Consent to Junction"

PASSED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that with the mutual agreement of the 80th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire and the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that a resolution asking for consent to junction the Diocese of Eau Claire and the Diocese of Fond du Lac be made to the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2009.

Resolution 2008-06 "Asking"

PASSED AS AMENDED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that Canon 4.4(3) be amended to read:
(3) A congregation is expected to Pledge at the Asking level. A congregation that submits a Pledge below the Asking level will provide written explanation concerning the Pledge not meeting the Asking level and the Bishop may meet with the congregational leadership to discuss the Pledge and provide financial information requested by the Bishop.

Resolution 2008-07 "Pledge to the National Church"

PASSED

Be it resolved, by the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that the system used for 2008 to adjust the diocesan pledge to the national church through individual restrictions be continued for 2009, and;

Be it further resolved that subsequent to the calculation of the "restricted" pledge, that ten percent of the non-restricted operating diocesan income for 2007 become our pledge to the national church for 2009, and;

Be it further resolved that the intent of this resolution includes continued conversation to heal dissent and discussion with the Church.

Courtesy Resolutions...

ALL PASSED

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation and gratitude to the people of the Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle, Fond du Lac and to the Rev. Brian Beno for hosting the convention.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its deepest gratitude, support and love to the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus and his wife Jerrie for their faithfulness, dedication and passion in leading this diocese and the Church and offers its prayers for them in the coming year.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation and gratitude to the Diocesan Staff, especially Lay Canon Matthew Payne and Office Secretary Vicky Stauber-Pufall for preparing, communicating and organizing the Convention's logistics.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and prayers to the people of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and prayers to the people of the Diocese of Milwaukee and the Rt. Rev. Steven Miller their bishop.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extends its greetings to the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, assuring her of our prayers as she continues serving our Lord.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and prayers to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Rowan Williams, especially as he and the whole Church attempt to resolve our differences and heal the wounds of the Anglican Communion.

Resolved that that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and affirmation of fellowship to the people of the East Central Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Bishop James Justman; to the people of the Nicolet and Winnebago Districts of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church, and to the Rev'd Gordon Lind, their District Superintendent; to the people of the Winnebago Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Wisconsin, and to the Rev'd Lucy Rupe, their Executive Presbyter; to the people of the Moravian Church, Western District, and to the Rev. James Hicks, their President; to the people of the United Church of Christ, Northeastern Wisconsin Association and the Rev. Art Willie, their Associate Minister; and to the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop and the Most Rev. Robert F. Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay.