

# Resolution for the Special Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark June 18, 2005

1 **RESOLVED**, That this Special Convention of the Diocese of Newark responds to the Bishop's  
2 call to elect committees to prepare for the election of a new diocesan bishop. The two  
3 committees will be:

4 The Search/Nominating Committee, consisting of twenty-five (25) persons: a) twenty (20)  
5 persons, two (2) elected by each district, one (1) of whom must be clergy and one (1) lay.  
6 It is the intent of the Standing Committee that the Search/Nominating Committee be  
7 balanced among all constituencies of this Diocese including but not limited to: race, color,  
8 ethnic origin, sex, national origin, marital status, sexuality, disabilities, different economic  
9 backgrounds, differing theological viewpoints and age. To that end b) up to five (5)  
10 additional members may be chosen by the Standing Committee to ensure full  
11 representation of the various constituencies of this Diocese, while maintaining a balance  
12 by order and gender.

13 The Transition Committee, consisting of twelve (12) persons. Each district shall submit up  
14 to three (3) names to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee will select the  
15 committee from those nominees, but may select persons not nominated by the districts if  
16 specific skills are required.

17 These committees shall be committees of the Standing Committee of the Diocese and chairs of  
18 the committees will be appointed by the Standing Committee, upon recommendation of the  
19 committees; and, be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, That district elections for the Search/Nominating Committee shall be held no later  
21 than June 26, 2005 (using guidelines established by the Diocesan Council and with results  
22 reported to the Standing Committee by June 27), that the Standing Committee will appoint a  
23 chair or co-chair and additional members no later than June 30, 2005, that the Standing

24 Committee will appoint members of the Transition Committee no later than June 30, 2005, and  
25 that a day-long retreat and investiture for the members of the two committees and the Standing  
26 Committee will be held no later than July 16, 2005, after which the committees will commence  
27 regular meetings; and, be it further

28 **RESOLVED**, That the Search/Nominating Committee will submit its draft profile of the diocese  
29 as it is a plan for the future, and a job description of the talents and skills required in the office of  
30 Bishop to carry this diocese into the future for approval by the Standing Committee and the  
31 Diocesan Council no later than their December meetings; and, be it further

32 **RESOLVED**, That the Search/Nominating Committee shall present, no later than June 28, 2006,  
33 no more than six (6) and no fewer than four (4) candidates for consideration by the diocese; and,  
34 be it further

35 **RESOLVED**, That nominations by petition be accepted by the Standing Committee until July 5,  
36 2006, provided the petition is signed by five (5) clergy or lay persons from five (5) different  
37 congregations. The petition should be accompanied by a biography comparable to those prepared  
38 by the Nominating Committee. All nominees will be subject to a background check. There will  
39 be no nominations accepted after July 5, 2006; and, be it further

40 **RESOLVED**, That meeting(s) to meet the nominees take place during the month of September,  
41 with complete biographies for all nominees having been distributed to all Diocesan Convention  
42 Deputies and Nominating Committee members by August 31, 2006.

43 **RESOLVED**, That a Special Convention to elect the Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of  
44 Newark be held on September 16, 2006.