

## **Revised Resolution IV**

Whereas, purported amendments since November 2003 to Article I and Article XIII of the diocesan constitution were in conflict with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Whereas Article V of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church requires an unqualified accession from each diocese to the constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church and outlines the conditions by which one diocese may transfer property to another, and

Whereas, action to implement the purported constitutional amendments was taken on October 4, 2008, adopting a canon to purportedly remove the Diocese from the Episcopal Church and realign the Diocese with another province of the Anglican Communion, and

Whereas, the convention wishes to affirm that the Diocese considers all such actions purporting to modify or remove the accession clause, realign the Diocese with another province of the Anglican Communion, or facilitate direct admission of parishes located physically in other dioceses to be null and void and of no effect, therefore be it

Resolved, that all such actions taken since November 2003 purporting to remove the accession clause from the Diocesan Constitution, unilaterally change the bounds of the diocese or to remove the Diocese from the Episcopal Church and realign it with another province of the Anglican Communion are null and void and of no effect, and be it further

Resolved, that the Committee on Canons is charged with the duty to prepare a report to be completed prior to the next annual meeting of Diocesan Convention that includes their findings regarding the operative language of the Diocesan Constitution and Canons along with any recommended actions to modify or amend the same.