

Title: Advisory Task Force (replaces Resolution 4: Task Force on Reunion)

Whereas, the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, noting the changing demographics and economic conditions of our Church, has called, in Resolution A127, for a reconsideration of administrative and governance structures at all levels of Church life; and

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, in this time of reorganization, has an exceptional opportunity to re-examine structures and practices, to learn from the expertise and experience of others, and to re-establish effective and natural ties with neighboring dioceses and with Province III of The Episcopal Church; be it therefore

Resolved, that the 144th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh direct the ecclesiastical authority to appoint an Advisory Task Force to contact the bishops and standing committees of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, with which our diocese has a long historic relationship, and other neighboring dioceses of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as the leaders of Provinces III and Province V, to invite a conversation about, and to initiate opportunities for, collaborative partnerships to enhance the ministries of our dioceses and to improve the efficiency of diocesan operations; and be it further

Resolved, that the ecclesiastical authority shall, as soon as practical, appoint an equal number of diocesan clergy and laypeople, not fewer than six total, to carry out the work of the Task Force. Be it also

Resolved, that the Task Force report on its work to the 145th Annual Convention of the diocese.

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