

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
Diocesan Convention
October 17, 2009

RESOLUTION FOR A PROVISIONAL BISHOP

Whereas, the Standing Committee of the Diocese currently holds the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese; and

Whereas, the Standing Committee is recommending to Convention that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese devolve upon the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Southern Ohio; **therefore be it**

Resolved, that pursuant to Canon III.13.1 of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, this Convention approves, accepts, and insofar as necessary hereby implements the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the Diocese be placed under the provisional charge and authority of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price (the "Provisional Bishop") to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese, until a Bishop is elected or ordained for the Diocese, or until this act of Convention is revoked by a subsequent act of Convention; **and be it**

Further Resolved, that the Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Provisional Bishop providing for the compensation and benefits of the Provisional Bishop.

EXPLANATION:

A Provisional Bishop has the same authority, duties and responsibilities as a Diocesan Bishop, except that an act of Convention may provide an end to a Provisional Bishop's tenure. The Standing Committee has concluded that it is time to move beyond leadership by committee, and to ask Bishop Price to shoulder the responsibility for leading the Diocese for the next two years or so until the Diocese can choose a permanent Diocesan Bishop.

Below is an excerpt of the relevant Canon regarding provisional bishops:

TITLE III, CANON 13, Sec. 1 A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the convention is revoked.