Vestry Resolution July 2025

Title: Resolution Affirming the Church's Nonpartisan Witness and Gospel-Centered Advocacy

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Resolved, that Calvary Episcopal Church reaffirms its commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the foundation of our public witness, distinct from partisan politics; and be it further

Resolved, that this congregation unequivocally declines permission granted by the recent IRS policy change permitting churches to endorse political candidates, and will not cross this boundary, choosing instead to remain rooted in our Baptismal Covenant and the call to love, justice, and peace.

Explanation:

As followers of Jesus, we are called to proclaim the Good News, seek justice, and serve the vulnerable—not to endorse political candidates. This resolution affirms our identity as a nonpartisan body committed to Gospel values, even as we speak and act in the face of injustice, hunger, and fear. We will continue to pray, speak, and act in love, rooted in Christ.

Adopted by the Vestry of the Parish of Calvary Church, Clifton on July 15, 2025