Resolution A95

A Covenantal Relationship between the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and Rural & Migrant Ministry

Resolution

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester established a covenant with Rural and Migrant Ministry in 2004 that was approved by Diocesan Council

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester renew its covenant with Rural and Migrant Ministry and strengthen our partnership with continued collaboration by sharing our time, talent, and treasure and be it

Further Resolved**,** that individuals and parishes partner with Rural and Migrant Ministry through attending JOY Celebrations and events, volunteering and serving on the Board of Trustees, communicating RMM news in their communities, and donating and raising money for RMM and be it

Further resolved**,** that the Bishop, diocesan staff, and Board of Trustees continue to be good stewards of the financial assets, buildings, and property of Grace Church, Lyons, incorporate a budget line for yearly support of RMM, and invest personnel time to the securing of outside grants and other resources for RMM and be it

Further resolved**,** that the Bishop maintain communication with the Executive Director and Board of Trustees of RMM, and use their voice and the power of the diocesan institutional presence and witness to stand with and promote RMM in the public square and be it

Further Resolved**,** that the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, through this Covenant, explore new possibilities including, but not limited to:

- RMM educating and linking members of the Diocese to efforts that welcome and protect immigrant neighbors.
- RMM providing a pathway to advocacy at the State level.
- RMM providing leadership development training for youth and youth leaders toward the creation of youth empowerment programs/groups
- RMM offering workshops in transformational outreach
- RMM offering vocational development and training for seminarians and deacons

Resolution B95
Safe Zone Training

Resolution
Whereas Convention 94 of The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester adopted Resolution B94 which called us to affirm our baptismal vows to respect the dignity of every human being, especially the dignity of our trans siblings, "by word, presence, and action,"[1] be it

Resolved that

- The 95th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester requires that all active clergy participate in Safe Zone training at least once every three years. Training will be paid for in full by the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and will be made available in each Convocation annually by the Bishop's Office; and be it further

- Resolved that lay leaders who work with children and youth are strongly encouraged to participate in Safe Zone training at least once every three years. Training will be paid for in full by the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and made available to each Convocation annually by the Bishop's Office.

Resolution C95
Congregations Caring for Creation

Resolution
RESOLVED**,** the 95th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester encourages congregations and staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester to join in the efforts of General Convention (2022-A087) of pursuing net carbon neutrality by 2030.

RESOLVED**,** that congregations and staff within the Diocese will commit to reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency, increasing use of renewable energy sources, and decreasing created landfill waste.

RESOLVED, that congregations and staff within the Diocese will steward land with intention by increasing biodiversity, growing native plants, attracting pollinators, and/or growing food.

Resolution D95

Hearing Accessibility in our Parishes

Resolution

Resolved**,** that each congregation engage in a process of ensuring adequate hearing access within their church spaces for their parish members, and potential stakeholders, so that those persons may engage fully in the life and worship of their parish evaluating whether lack of hearing support limits the ability of participants to engage fully in the life and worship of their parish, and to take steps to plan for providing hearing support/access as fits their context.

Further Resolved**,** that each congregation consider doing any or all of the following:

- Survey the hearing accessibility and needs of their congregants, as well as potential congregants.
- Assess the hearing access equipment currently installed in their buildings to determine whether the equipment is functioning properly, and if necessary what would be required to return it to proper functionality.
- Assess the hearing access equipment to determine whether it meets the present needs of the congregation, and/or the needs of any groups/individuals using the facilities maintained by the congregation.
- Assess the financial cost of bringing the church's hearing support to desired levels.
- Make a plan to increase hearing access in your church over the next year, e.g. learning about hearing support/access options, raising funds or applying for grants to acquire necessary equipment, training people in its use, developing signage to inform those entering the building of hearing support available in the building, etc.

Resolution E95

Dissolution of St. George's, Hilton as a Parish and Admission into Union as a Mission of this Diocese

Resolution

Resolved, that this 95th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, on October 24, 2026, upon the receipt of the recommendation of a majority of the members of the Diocesan Council, meeting in regular session on September 15, 2026, and in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Rochester, declares that the Parish known as **St. George's Episcopal Church, Hilton, New York,** is dissolved, that its vestry be dissolved, and that its assets be dedicated in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Be it Further Resolved that this 95th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, meeting on October 24, 2026, upon the receipt of a petition from **St. George's, Hilton, New York,** to be admitted into union with the Diocese as a Mission, and upon receipt of the recommendation of a majority of the members of the Diocesan Council, meeting in regular session on September 15, 2026, and with the consent of the Bishop, in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Rochester, declares that the Parish known as **St. George's Episcopal Church, Hilton, New York,** be admitted into union with the Diocese as a Mission in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.