

**RESOLUTION OF THE 134<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF  
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN  
APRIL 25 – 26, 2008**

**Subject:** REVIEW AND REWRITE OF DIOCESAN CANONS

**Originator:** Canons Committee

**Resolved,** that this 134<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan charge the Canons Committee of the Diocese to engage in a complete review of the Diocesan Canons, and undertake a rewriting of the canons to comply with changes in the canons of The Episcopal Church, and with the current needs and concerns of the Diocese of Western Michigan. This re-write is anticipated to take two years.

**Be it further resolved,** that the Canons Committee report to the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in 2009 with a status report.

**Rational:** As Christian people, it is important to ask, “What in the life and teaching of Jesus supports this resolution?”

We are called into community by Jesus. Our canons are to reflect the guiding principles of our common life, as the people of God in the Diocese of Western Michigan. Our desire for mutual respect and accountability is not consistently reflected in our canons. A review and re-write of appropriate canons, will enhance our life together.