

## **Resolution in Response to Our Bishop's Call to Elect A Successor**

**Resolved**, by the Diocese of Northern California of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, in Convention, on the third day of November, 2017, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese, joining with our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, at this the 12<sup>th</sup> convention in which we have gathered with him as our Bishop, hears his call to convene a special meeting of the Convention on February 9, 2019, at a place to be determined, for the purpose of electing his successor. In response to this call, we first give thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Beisner's pastoral leadership and wise counsel for our diocese throughout the term of his episcopate, and we answer this call mindful of both the sadness we will experience at the time he no longer actively serves us as our diocesan Bishop, and the joy of knowing that Almighty God will continue to use him to represent Christ as God desires, and that he will faithfully answer that call, following wherever it leads; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Standing Committee of this diocese, following the best practices recommended by The Episcopal Church, in accordance with its Constitution and Canons, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, is hereby authorized to do the following, creating such committees as they deem necessary to carry out this task:

- oversee the process of discernment for determining who might best be called by God to enter into the vocation of serving as our next Bishop;
- conduct the process of electing the next Bishop of this diocese; and
- oversee the orderly transition and consecration of our next Bishop, to occur, at a place to be determined, on or about June 29, 2019,

and be it further

**Resolved,** that this diocese commends all its members to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we embark upon this process of discernment, election and transition; and we prayerfully commit ourselves to such work, fully aware that it is solely by the grace of God that we are equipped with the power to faithfully respond to this call.