

Resolution 1: Core Purpose and Core Values in Congregations:

WHEREAS, Our world –and our congregations – are full of people who, like Philip of Galilee, receive the request, “Show me Jesus!”

AND WHEREAS, the local congregation is one of God’s primary ways of “showing them Jesus”, and there is no higher calling or more exciting adventure.

AND WHEREAS, Committed people in our diocese have carefully articulated clear and logical ways that any Christian should be able to “show them Jesus.”

AND WHEREAS, “the world will not know peace until individuals in the world know peace.”

AND WHEREAS, The Bishop has called us to “show them Jesus” by actively engaging faith, evangelism, mission, and reconciliation in alignment with the Core Purpose and Core Values of the Diocese.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS 105TH COUNCIL THAT EACH CONGREGATION IN THE DIOCESE SHALL:

1. Provide means and encouragement for each person in its community to systematically study Scripture, pray every day, and actively participate in worship.
2. Lead participatory conversations, preferably in small gatherings and one-on-one, with its leaders, staff, and congregation asking:
 - A. “How do our daily lives reflect the life and teachings of Jesus?”;
 - B. “How do we personally proclaim, by word and example, God’s saving love revealed in Jesus Christ?”;
 - C. “How do we serve people in our community and throughout the world?”;
 - D. “What specific actions can we take to reconcile our relationship with God and all people?”;
3. Urge each congregation to send a team to the June 6 Abiding in Christ: Congregations Growing Together Conference.

Right Reverend Sir, I so move.

Resolution 2: Core Purpose and Values in Vestries, Bishop's Committees, and Diocesan Groups:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS 105TH COUNCIL THAT EACH CONGREGATION IN THE DIOCESE SHALL ALSO:

Align its congregational work with the five diocesan Core Values of Faith; Scripture, Prayer and Worship; Evangelism; Mission; and Reconciliation, and begin each vestry/ bishop's committee meeting this year with a planned meditation or reflection on what is meant by "abiding in Christ." Over the course of this year each shall:

1. Focus at least one meditation on the Diocesan Core Purpose of *Being Jesus' Witnesses*;
2. Focus at least five other meditations on the Diocesan Core Values (one per session);
3. In each session, discuss: "*How is this calling me, and our congregation, to change*".
4. Model the ministry of the baptized by having each meditation led by laypersons.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THIS 105TH COUNCIL THAT EACH COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND OTHER DIOCESAN ENTITY SHALL:

1. Hold an organized and thorough discussion of its group's mission and the Core Purpose and Core Values.
2. Reach beyond ourselves and serve our community and the world by planning *all* its group's activities in alignment with the Core Purpose and Core Values of the diocesan family.

Right Reverend Sir, I so move.

Resolution 3. Stewardship Planning and Education

WHEREAS, counting the cost and making Godly preparations are an important part of abiding in Christ, and the Lord's ministry requires money and other resources,

AND WHEREAS, experience teaches us that uncertain financial times can jeopardize the work of the Church unless we teach and plan carefully,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS 105TH COUNCIL THAT EACH CONGREGATION IN THE DIOCESE SHALL:

1. Appoint its Every Member Canvass or Stewardship Chair and committee during Lent of this year and implement carefully considered stewardship plans, using diocesan staff and other resources as needed.
3. Clearly teach that it is the privilege and duty of every Christian to work, pray, and give for the spread of the Kingdom.

Right Reverend Sir, I so move.

Resolution 4: 2009: The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

WHEREAS Saint Paul's letter to the Romans is perhaps his richest, most mature and influential writing, inspiring deep spiritual and theological reflection.

AND WHEREAS Reading Scripture in depth together as a diocese deeply enriches our experience of God and also equips us to do his work in the world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS 105TH COUNCIL THAT THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF EACH CONGREGATION IN THE DIOCESE SHALL:

Provide resources and encouragement to its members to read and study Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans during 2009.

Right Reverend Sir, I so move.