

**The Reconvened 173<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council  
Episcopal Diocese of Texas**

**June 9, 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BISHOP ASSISTANT**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, upon its expansion into North Texas the Diocese will require additional episcopal services; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas have approved the hiring of an additional Bishop Assistant for the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee has consented to the submission of this resolution to the reconvened 173<sup>rd</sup> Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the reconvened 173<sup>rd</sup> Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas hereby approves the creation of another position of Bishop Assistant for the Diocese and authorizes the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to appoint a Bishop for this position, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, under such terms and conditions as the Bishop may determine.

**Submitted by:** The Bishop of Texas; the Standing Committee; the Executive Board

**Rationale:** If this Council approves the Agreement of Reunion with The Episcopal Church in North Texas, we will be bringing 13 congregations and their clergy and 24 counties in North Texas into our Diocese. We will establish a regional diocesan office in Fort Worth. In the judgment of the Bishop of Texas, that expansion of our Diocese will require additional episcopal services to serve those congregations and such new congregations as we might plant in North Texas over time. Therefore, the Bishop is asking you also to approve the creation of an additional position of Bishop Assistant for this Diocese and to authorize the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to appoint a bishop to fill that position. The Standing Committee and the Executive Board have approved the Bishop's request.