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The 242nd Annual Convention having appointed an Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”) to consider “suggestions for improving current revenue-raising and expense-determining methods set forth in the Canons;” and

The Committee, in furtherance of this charge, having agreed to implement the following modifications to the budget process, as set forth in the Canons, on a one-year trial basis (“Trial Modifications”) during the 2026-27 budget cycle;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. With the assistance of Diocesan Council, the dean of each deanery will convene a plenary meeting of the deanery between March 15 and April 30, 2027 to discuss matters affecting the mission, ministry and programs of the Diocese and their relationship to the Diocesan budget. One or more members of the Finance Committee will attend each meeting for the purpose of answering questions, and receiving recommendations and feedback, concerning the preparation of the Diocesan budget; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

2. The Finance Committee, in collaboration with the Bishop and Diocesan staff, will ensure that a schedule of the meetings described in the previous paragraph will be delivered not fewer than sixty days in advance to clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, parish wardens, vestries, deanery deans, deanery Secretaries, members of Diocesan Council, members of the Board of Trustees, and members of the Standing Committee (“Interested Parties”), as well as posted on the Diocesan Website; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

3. Prior to June 15, 2027, the Finance Committee will compile and circulate to Interested Parties the draft Diocesan budget together with a report summarizing feedback received from all budget drafting meetings, including recommendations received at these meetings and whether they were incorporated into the draft budget; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

4. The Finance Committee will send representatives to each of the pre-Convention meetings at which they will present the final draft Diocesan budget, explain its contents, answer question from delegates and prepare delegates for Convention deliberations; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

5. The Bishop, through Diocesan staff, will distribute to Interested Parties the monthly Diocesan governance and financial reports (with an accompanying narrative), commencing with the October, 2026 editions of these documents; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

6. The Committee's charge is renewed for an additional year, with the added charges to oversee the Trial Modifications, receive regular reports about the implementation thereof from such Interested Parties as the Committee may choose to consult, and present one or more pertinent resolutions at the 244th Annual Convention regarding the Trial Modifications or other potential modifications to the Diocese's budget process; and FURTHER RESOLVED:

7. The members of the Committee shall include, as chair, the chair of the Canons Committee, two representatives from each of these governing bodies: Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Board of Trustees, such additional members of the Canons Committee as the chair may appoint, at least two deanery deans, and the Chancellor ex-officio. Representatives of Diocesan Council must be current members thereof. Representatives of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee may be current or former members thereof. Any new member of the Committee must be approved by the Bishop. No member of the Committee may be a current member of more than one governing body, and the deans may not be current members of any governing body.

EXPLANATION:

This resolution seeks to strengthen existing structures of consultation by directing deeper conversation about the budget at the deanery level, improving communication about forums already available for widespread input into the formation of the budget, and circulating the monthly governance and finance report more widely to foster informed conversation about budget adjustments between conventions. It does not alter existing canonical responsibilities or authority, but rather, seeks to foster a culture of transparency, participation, and mutual trust through direct procedural improvements.