

**RESOLUTION OF THE Convocation of the  
Area Mission of the Episcopal Church of Navajoland  
Pertaining to the Petition for Status as a  
Missionary Diocese**

WHEREAS The Episcopal Church in Navajoland (ECN) was established as an Area Mission of The Episcopal Church in 1976 at the 65<sup>th</sup> General Convention; and

WHEREAS, when the Area Mission was created, the vision for ECN was to bring together the congregations of Navajoland for unified efforts for mission, self-determination, and partnership in mission; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years the people of ECN have been actively and faithfully living into that vision; and

WHEREAS, Resolution D080 at the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention affirmed the desire to empower the people of ECN in the election of a bishop in a way that reflects the values, teachings and traditions of the Diné, and

WHEREAS, ECN's current status as an Area Mission canonically precludes the autonomy necessary to undertake such an election; and

WHEREAS, This Special Meeting of the Convocation of the Area Mission of The Episcopal Church in Navajoland has been duly called in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States ("Episcopal Church") agrees to petition the General Convention to establish a Missionary Diocese of the whole of the Area Mission of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland; and

WHEREAS, the Area Mission of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland consists of nine congregations with eight priests who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of the proposed new Missionary Diocese, with seats and votes in Convocation, and who are qualified to vote for a new Bishop; and

WHEREAS, Suitable support for the Episcopate has been addressed in budgets and grant applications consistent with the missionary obligations for which the whole Church assumes responsibility (Canon I.11.1), and

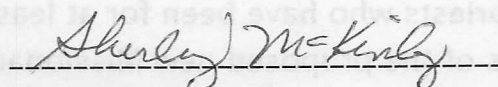
WHEREAS, it is the desire and expression of the Clergy and the Laity of the Area Mission to accede to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Missionary Diocese be known as the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convocation charge the Area Mission Standing Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, the Chancellor and the General Convention Deputation to prepare the Petition for submission to the General Convention Office for consideration at the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention.

I, Shirley McKinley, Secretary of the Convocation of the Area Mission of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions with reference to the Petition of said Area Mission to the General Convention for consent to organize as the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland were passed in the Convocation of the Area Mission of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland convened at All Saints Church, Farmington, New Mexico on January 20, 2024, a quorum being present and The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Navajoland, presiding; and that the foregoing paragraphs are true and perfect copies of the same as they appear in the original Minutes of the Convocation now in my possession.

Witness my hand in the community of San Juan Mission, Farmington,  
State of New Mexico, this 20th day of January, 2024.

  
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Shirley McKinley  
Secretary of the Convocation