



**COURTESY RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 191ST CONVENTION
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 24 AND 25, 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan extend its greetings, love, support, and prayers to the Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, for his wise and compassionate leadership in this time. We are grateful for his vision, his pastoral presence, and his steadfast commitment to guiding our church in the way of Christ's love and reconciliation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan extends its greetings, love, and support to the lay people, staff, bishops, priests, and deacons of our sister dioceses in Michigan, Diocese of Northern Michigan and the Diocese of the Great Lakes. We also extend greetings to our Moravian siblings in Christ; and to the bishops and people of the South East Michigan Synod and the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan express its appreciation and gratitude to all committees of Convention, worship leaders and planners, altar guild, volunteers, our parliamentarian, convention secretaries, and all others who offered and used their many gifts to plan and complete the arrangements of this Annual Convention, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the workers and management of the Suburban Collection Showplace, and the Hyatt Place Hotel in Novi for their gracious hospitality, service, and assistance in housing and feeding this gathering, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan extends profound thanks to our Diocesan Staff; the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag, Chris Ventura, Tony Perez, the Rev. Dr. Dean Aponte-Safe, the Venerable Dr. Tim Spannaus, the Rev. Canon Susie

Shaefer, Kara Chapman, Crystal Ramirez, the Rev. Canon Sister Veronica Dunbar, *The* Susan Mason, Canon Dennis Boyd Jr., and Canon Carmen Piggins for their unwavering support, knowledge, insight, and resilience in service to our diocese, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan send its love, prayers and profound gratitude to Mark Miliotto, former Canon of Finance to the Diocese of Michigan. We give thanks for his many years of leadership and ministry among us, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan send its love, prayers, and appreciation to Mrs. Shirley Gordon, widow of a prior bishop of this diocese, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan send its love, prayers, and appreciation to the Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr. and his spouse Karlah, in this 26th year of his consecration as bishop of the Church, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan send our love, our prayers and our greetings to former clergy of our Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Shannon McVean-Brown, Bishop of Vermont, and the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan express our love, support, and heartfelt prayers to our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, and her spouse, the Rev. Dr. Susan Harlow, and be it further

RESOLVED, that as this 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan draws our time together to a close, let us carry with us the spirit that has guided this convention: Courage - Fierce Faith, Fierce Hope, Fierce Love. In a world that often tests our resolve, we are called to stand firm—not with fear or anger, but with a faith that will not yield, a hope that refuses to be extinguished, and a love that knows no boundaries, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our fierce faith anchor us in God's promises, may our fierce hope inspire us to dream boldly for God's kingdom, and may our fierce love bind us to one another and to all of God's beloved children, and be it further

RESOLVED, that from this 191st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan may we go forth from this place as witnesses of Christ's fierce, unending love. Let us be the hands and heart of Jesus in our communities—undaunted, unafraid, and unwavering in our care for one another. For in the words of our Baptismal Covenant, we are called to "*strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.*" We offer our collective prayers for your protection and Spirit-filled insight as we face the joys and challenges of serving God's mission in the days and months ahead.