

Resolution 3

Submitted by the Standing Committee

WHEREAS the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan remains in transition after the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, second bishop-diocesan of Eastern Michigan,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 24th Convention asks the Standing Committee to nominate the Rt. Rev. Wayne Houglund, bishop-diocesan of Western Michigan, with the consent of the bishop and the leadership of Western Michigan, to be elected bishop-provisional of Eastern Michigan, to serve a term of up to five years.

Rationale

This resolution offers Eastern Michigan the leadership of our neighboring bishop to help us claim our own gifts of ministry, to clarify jointly with Western Michigan, our concerns about long-term sustainability, to celebrate our shared ministries with Western Michigan, and to explore more formally ways God may be calling both dioceses to use our resources to grow the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement within our borders.