

Resolution 4

Submitted by Diocesan Council

Composed by the Rev. Sue Rich, Trinity Episcopal Church in Bay City

WHEREAS the Deputies from the Diocese of Eastern Michigan to the 79th General Convention were inspired by themes of that Convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 24th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan encourages all constituent parishes and all individuals in each congregation to adopt a Rule of Life based on any appropriate model including, but not limited to, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Way of Love.

Rationale

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, in his sermon at the opening Eucharist of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Austin, Texas in July 2018, spoke about calling together a group of people from across the church to explore with him how the church might move more deeply into being the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement. After much prayer and discernment, the group suggested that the church call upon spiritual practices that for centuries have helped Christians draw closer to God. The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life is an adaptation of Monastic traditions and details seven practices of a Rule of Life.

The Deputation from Eastern Michigan join Bishop Curry in calling upon members of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan to move more deeply into what it means to be a part of the Jesus Movement through embracing spiritual practices of a Rule of Life. We also believe that congregations will benefit from discerning how they might, as a congregation, adopt a Rule of Life, deepening the ways they live into being part of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

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Resolutions Committee Report Submitted by the Rev. Charles Curtis & Amy Simons

Details about and links for engaging The Way of Love, developing and following a rule of life, walking with others, the Jesus Movement, and more can be found by following this link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/explore-way-love>