

### ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL MODELS

QUALITY/ CHARACTERISTIC	MODEL 1 Independent Diocese	MODEL 2 Share Bishop & Functions	MODEL 3 Share Bishop, Functions & Move toward Affiliation	MODEL 4 Continue Exploration
Feeling of smallness: personal connections	Maintains as at present.	Larger group of congregations; will take time to develop trust and comfort levels.	(See Model 2)	Greater involvement of congregations and parishioners in exploration process.
High value of services and resources from diocese	Limited resources constrains time and services available.	Gain access to shared services and resources.	(See Model 2)	Same as Model 1 for exploration period. Potential long-term gains (see Model 2).
Mechanisms for communication across congregations	Limited resources constrains time to devote to communications.	Distances among congregations and to diocesan offices may become greater.	(See Model 2)	Same as Model 1 for exploration period. Potential long-term gains (see Model 2).
Capacity to attract and incorporate people of all ages	Lack of access to additional resources to facilitate.	Exposure to new and different approaches.	(See Model 2)	Same as Model 1 for exploration period. Potential long-term gains (see Model 2).
Flexibility, innovation in anticipating and addressing challenges of our geography	Lack of access to new, different resources or ideas and approaches.	Gain access to shared services and resources and exposure to new and different approaches.	(See Model 2)	Same as Model 1 for exploration period. Potential long-term gains (see Model 2).
Firm, stable and sustainable fiscal foundation	Mostly small congregations - financial base depends primarily on status of 3 congregations.	Shared episcopate and diocesan resources can create savings, improve sustainability of both.	(See Model 2)	Same as Model 1 for exploration period. Potential long-term gains (see Model 2).

<p>General, overall factors associated with model</p>	<p>Challenges are familiar. Unknown if recruiting P/T Bishop is problematic. Unknown how long current fiscal position can maintain.</p>	<p>Maintains identity, name; uncertain how structure would change if at all. Unclear impact on apportionment rate.</p>	<p>(See Model 2); unknown whether closer affiliation will offer incremental advantages over Model 2.</p>	<p>Opportunity for extensive communication, involvement of congregations.</p>
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