

## Proposed Resolution

October 21 Diocesan Conventions of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee

*Be it resolved,* that the Nth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of X affirms the process of ongoing discernment with the Dioceses of Y and Z concerning the proposed reunification of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee into the Diocese of Wisconsin; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Trialogue Steering Committee continue to produce reports and seek feedback on all matters as may be necessary and proper concerning the proposed reunification of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Trialogue Steering Committee, in recognition of its continued discernment and the feedback received on the proposed reunification, present a "joint agreement of union" based on its previous proposal (and in accordance with Canon I.10.6) to the governance bodies of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee no later than mid-February, 2024; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Trialogue Steering Committee's proposed "joint agreement of union" shall set forth the assessment structure of the new Diocese, population of governance bodies of the new Diocese, in addition to all agreements concerning reunification as addressed in Canon I.10.6, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Trialogue Steering Committee's proposed "joint agreement of union" be presented to the people of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee for consideration no later than mid-March, 2024; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the ecclesiastical authorities of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee do call for a Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 to present the "joint agreement of union" to the delegates of all three dioceses; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Trialogue Steering Committee provide the delegates of the Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 with copies of the "joint agreement of union" and all such supplemental reports and materials as are necessary for said "agreement" to be read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Special Joint Convention in Eastertide of 2024 be charged with calling a vote for the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee to reunify as the Diocese of Wisconsin.

## **Explanation**:

The purpose of this resolution is to:

- Seek the approval of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee for proceeding toward a vote in Eastertide 2024 on the reunion of our dioceses.
- Provide clarity about the requirements of the process of reunion.
- Create accountability for the people of all three dioceses.
- Establish the parameters for the content and production of the "joint agreement of union" as required by <u>Canon I.10.6</u>

We continue to discern reunion, exploring whether it is the most effective and efficient way that our dioceses can form disciples and proclaim the Gospel in word and deed in and beyond our communities. Regardless of the outcome of a final vote on reunion, we believe that the relationships, wisdom, and blessings that the discernment process is creating are an image of what the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin can become for the sake of God's people.