

#### Courtesy Resolution #4

#### Thanking the Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown for her Convention Sermon and Convention Address

RESOLVED, That the 193<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont give heartfelt thanks to the Right Reverend Shannon MacVean-Brown for her October 25 in-person convention sermon's continued focus on the importance of *koinonia*, a concept that "encompasses all the work and ways of being that are necessary for followers of Jesus to be the Body of Christ," and one that challenges us to stand on its foundation as we face a world in which, "There is so much fear in the air." As Peter and the disciples, facing the storms that battered their community, "endeavored to become a thriving community of faith with a countercultural spirit of *koinonia*," we too can take risks, can cultivate a spirit of *koinonia* that "transforms our doubt and fear into mature faith and courage" as we confront injustice and the storms of our world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give thanks for Bishop Shannon's address to clergy and delegates at the October 30 on-line convention business session in which she focused on the practical realities of the work towards mission strategy goals that are "all about *koinonia*:" strengthen congregations, build relationships (which includes racial healing and justice), and develop leaders and structures; and we give thanks for her challenges to the diocesan household, staff, congregations, and individual Episcopalians, to move into the future with confidence and a "thriving spirit of *koinonia*."