

HOUSE OF BISHOPS MESSAGE

ADOPTION

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THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS informs the HOUSE OF DEPUTIES that it
has adopted the following Resolution: D-24 with amendments..Full text attached

Resolved, the House of ~~Bishops~~ ^{Deputies} concurring, That

Whereas, The Episcopal Church is a hierarchical church, in which local parish churches are a part of, and are subject to, the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the diocese in which they are geographically present; and

Whereas, The Episcopal Church recognizes that local parishes have broad autonomy in the use of their property, so long as they act within the confines of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the diocese in which they are geographically present; therefore be it

Resolved, the House of ~~Bishops~~ ^{Deputies} concurring, That Title I, Canon 6, of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, be amended to add a Section 4 as follows:

Section 4. All real and personal property held by or for the benefit of any Parish, Mission or Congregation is held in trust for this Church and the Diocese thereof in which such Parish, Mission or Congregation is located. The existence of this trust, however, shall in no way limit the power and authority of the Parish, Mission or Congregation otherwise existing over such property so long as the particular Parish, Mission or Congregation remains a part of, and subject to this Church and its Constitution and Canons.

Resolved, The House of ~~Bishops~~ ^{Deputies} concurring, that Title I, Canon 6, be amended to add a Section ~~4~~, as follows:

Section 5. The several Dioceses may, at their election, further confirm the trust declared under the foregoing Section 4 by appropriate action but no such action shall be necessary for the existence and validity of the trust.

Resolved, The House of Deputies concurring, that the amendment to Title I, Canon 6 become effective upon the enactment by the General Convention.