

## **RESOLUTION 2-2007**

### **Concerning modification of the Reaching Out Budget determination**

A Resolution for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Council of the Diocese of West Texas  
Meeting at Corpus Christi, Texas

WHEREAS, the Diocese of West Texas, at the direction of the Executive Board in 2005, undertook the implementation of a process for the distribution of the "Reaching Out" portion of the diocesan budget based upon communication, understanding, participation and accountability which resulted in the preparation of budgetary requests and disclosures by each segment of the Reaching Out Budget followed by solicitation of apportionment directives to each parish for the 2006 and 2007 budgets ; and

WHEREAS, the revised process has enhanced the communication, understanding, participation and the accountability with respect to the development of the reaching out portion of the budget and has addressed the concerns of parishes and individuals about the payment of the Asking of The Episcopal Church ("TEC"); and

WHEREAS, in each of the last two years a significant majority of parishes and missions elected the option for the Executive Board to designate the distribution of their apportionment among the respective segments of the Reaching Out Budget, save and except for the designations to TEC and World Mission outside the diocese ("Line 1a. and 1b."), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that commencing with the determination of the budget for 2008, the current Reaching Out Budget determination procedure shall be modified to provide that the Executive Board shall be authorized to receive the recommendation of the Finance Committee and determine the allocation of the diocesan budget among each segment of the Reaching Out Budget, save and except that portion of the proposed budget designated for either the Asking of TEC or for World Mission outside the diocese, Line 1a. and 1b., which shall continue to be designated by each congregation. Be it further

RESOLVED, that each Vestry or Bishop's Committee shall provide that individuals in their personal pledges, shall have the same option with respect to the TEC percentage of their pledge. Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board continue the good work of communication, understanding, participation and accountability for the diocesan budget to the parishes and missions in ways which are consonant with strengthening our corporate stewardship.

Adopted by the Executive Board of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.