

## **Resolution 2010-12**

Title: Right to Seat, Voice and Vote at Convention

**SUBMITTED BY: JEFFREY P. AYRES, CHANCELLOR**

**RESOLVED**, that the 226<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, meeting April 30 – May 1, 2010, amends the third sentence of Article 2 of the Constitution by adding the following underscored language:

Every member of the Clergy of this Church of whatever Order and wherever domiciled, whose canonical residence is within this Diocese and who has been recognized by the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese as a minister of some Parish or Separate Congregation within this Diocese, acknowledged as such by this Convention, or as a missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, or in another occupation approved by the Bishop, and every member of the Clergy of Churches in full communion with the Episcopal Church in the United States of America who is regularly serving a Parish or Separate Congregation of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, provided that no member of the Clergy having a seat in Convention shall lose the right thereto by reason of having ceased, on account of age or infirm health, to be engaged in any of the occupations aforesaid.

*Note – As a Constitutional Amendment, this Resolution needs to be approved at two consecutive Conventions. Approved by the Convention of 2009, this is the second reading.*

### **Explanation**

The Agreement of Full Communion (Called to Common Mission) between the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (“ELCA”) was adopted in 1999. The Agreement calls for ELCA Clergy in charge of Episcopal Churches to be accorded seat, voice and vote in an Episcopal Diocesan Convention, without having to become “canonically resident” in that Diocese. The underscored language outlined above would accomplish that result. Other changes are for clarity.