

Resolution for Diocesan Support for the Association of Episcopal Deacons

Resolved, That the 136th Convention of the Diocese of Oregon joins the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in celebrating and supporting the ministry of deacons and especially the ministry of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED), as reflected in General Convention Resolution D023-2024; and

Resolved, That this Convention strongly encourages the congregations of this diocese to support the work of AED by paying for membership in AED for each of their assigned deacons during 2025; and

Resolved, That this Convention requests that the Diocesan Committee on Program and Budget include support for AED in the diocesan budget, starting with fiscal year 2026, by contributing annually to AED at the Seraph level (currently \$1000/year).

Explanation:

The 81st General Convention passed [Resolution D023](https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/653?house=HD&lang=en) (<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/653?house=HD&lang=en>), which states in part: “That the Convention encourage individuals, congregations, seminaries, dioceses, and jurisdictions to support the work of AED by becoming members, participating in its conferences and activities, and engaging the work of *diakonia* in their own contexts.”

AED (<https://www.episcopaldeacons.org/>) is a membership association within The Episcopal Church whose mission is to increase the participation and involvement of all baptized persons in Christ’s diaconal ministry. This organization provides valuable resources for deacons and supporters that would otherwise not be available.

Diocesan support of AED membership is an effective means of affirming and supporting the work of our deacons.

Our diocesan support of AED will help AED in their work of promoting and supporting deacons and their ministry.

AED’s financial resources are limited, since most of its funding comes from membership dues. Currently, membership is \$100 per year for deacons under the age of 72 and \$50 per year for deacons over the age of 72 or those in formation toward ordination to the diaconate.

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