

1 Resolution for Diocesan Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons (As amended)

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3 <Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to
4 see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

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6 **Resolved**, That the 136th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in
7 Western Oregon strongly encourages the congregations of this diocese to support the work
8 of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) and the diaconate by contributing to the
9 AED membership.

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12 <Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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

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19 **Resolved**, That the 136th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in Western
20 Oregon ~~this Convention~~ strongly encourages the congregations of this diocese to support
21 the work of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) and the diaconate by contributing to
22 the AED membership. ~~paying for membership in AED for each of their assigned deacons.~~
23 ~~during 2025; and~~

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

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29 **Explanation:**

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

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36 AED (<https://www.episcopaldeacons.org/>) is a membership association within The Episcopal
37 Church whose mission is to increase the participation and involvement of all baptized
38 persons in Christ’s diaconal ministry. This organization provides valuable resources for

39 deacons and supporters that would otherwise not be available. Diocesan support of AED
40 membership is an effective means of affirming and supporting the work of our deacons.

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

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

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50 Co-Sponsors: Terri Hoffmann, St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville
51 Wes Sedlacek+, Samaritan Health Services, Lebanon
52 Gavin Shumate+, St. Stephen, Newport

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55 Jennifer Creswell+, St. Andrews, Portland
56 Beth Ferguson, Trinity Cathedral, Portland
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60 Brian Jones, St. Stephen, Newport
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