

1 **Resolution for Diocesan Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons**

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

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

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

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16 **Explanation:**

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

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23 AED (<https://www.episcopaldeacons.org/>) is a membership association within The Episcopal  
24 Church whose mission is to increase the participation and involvement of all baptized  
25 persons in Christ’s diaconal ministry. This organization provides valuable resources for  
26 deacons and supporters that would otherwise not be available. Diocesan support of AED  
27 membership is an effective means of affirming and supporting the work of our deacons.

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

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

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37 Co-Sponsors: Terri Hoffmann, St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville  
38 Wes Sedlacek+, Samaritan Health Services, Lebanon

39 Gavin Shumate+, St. Stephen, Newport  
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41 Endorsed by: Brendan Barnicle+, St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville  
42 Jennifer Creswell+, St. Andrews, Portland  
43 Beth Ferguson, Trinity Cathedral, Portland  
44 Nancy Gallagher+, St. John the Divine, Springfield  
45 Dcn. Maureen Hagen, St. Stephen's, Portland  
46 Dcn. Diane Higgins, Calvary, Seaside  
47 Brian Jones, St. Stephen, Newport  
48 Jeanne Kaliszewski+, St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukie  
49 Dcn. Linda Lee, St. Timothy, Brookings  
50 Beth Mallon+, St. James, Tigard  
51 Alan Murray, All Saints, Portland  
52 Dcn. Meredith Pech, Trinity, Ashland  
53 Dcn. Greg Rainey, St. John the Evangelist  
54 Barb Ross, Prince of Peace, Salem  
55 Andria Skornik+, All Saints, Portland  
56 Jordan Skornik, All Saints, Portland  
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