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New Recommendation

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONFERENCE TRUSTEES TO ALLOW SALE OF CONFERENCE PROPERTY

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BE IT RESOLVED, in keeping with ¶637 of the 2020/24 Book of Discipline, by vote of the Episcopal Residence Committee, with consent of the Bishop, the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference authorizes the Conference Board of Trustees (“Trustees”) to manage or sell the Episcopal Residence (“Residence”).

The Residence (the housing the Annual Conference owns and offers our resident Bishop) is located in Normandy Park, WA, and is owned in full with no liens or restrictions. The Trustees and the Shared Services staff are hereby authorized to assess the Residence for future use, including possible sale, in accordance with conference-established processes. Upon sale, the Property proceeds shall be divided in accordance with the Conference rules governing property sales, including a portion set aside to fund Pacific Northwest Conference’s portion of the episcopal housing allowance.

RATIONALE

Process: In May 2026, the PNW Committee on Episcopacy received a proposal from Bishop Cedrick requesting a transition from the current Episcopal Residence model to an episcopal housing allowance. On June 8th, 2026, The Episcopal Residence Committee was constituted and called according to ¶637 of the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline. In attendance were the Chairs of the Committees on Episcopacy from all three Annual Conferences in the Greater Northwest Area, as well as representatives and delegates of Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Finance & Administration, and Shared Services staff. The Committee voted to authorize this change to a housing allowance and to send this petition to the PNW annual conference.

Finances: The maintenance and utilities for the Episcopal Residence are paid from a joint designated account funded by proportional allocations from the three annual conferences within the Greater Northwest Area. The change to an episcopal housing allowance will result in a net zero budgetary impact across the three conferences, as funds currently used for maintenance, repairs, and utilities would shift to fund the housing allowance. Additionally, the General Council on Finance and Administration provides a \$10,000 housing grant to resident and interim bishops each year, which would supplement these funds. Any overage for 2027 would be covered by PNW Trustees' funds until a new conference budget is formed for 2028.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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1 **Property:** The Trustees are already responsible for the maintenance of and
2 capital improvements on the Residence. The result of this proposed resolu-
3 tion would be to authorize the Trustees to assess the Residence for appro-
4 priate future use, to include possible sale, in accordance with conference-es-
5 tablished processes.

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SUBMITTED BY

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