

**A proposed floor resolution  
for the Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina  
March 14-15, 2014**

**Resolution R-3**

*"Response to Offer of Provisional Primatial Oversight"*

*Offered by: The Anglican Communion Development Committee*

Recognizing the generosity of spirit and the faithful concern for the Anglican Communion represented by the Global South Primates Steering Committee in offering a means for bodies such as the Diocese of South Carolina to have a formal ecclesiastical connection to the larger Communion and the consequent pastoral relationship,

Be it resolved that the Diocese of South Carolina accept the offer of the newly created Global South Primatial Oversight Council for pastoral oversight of our ministry as a diocese during the temporary period of our discernment of our final provincial affiliation and,

Be it further resolved that in this period of fluidity in the Anglican Communion we reserve the right to revisit this decision, as a convention, should it be necessary during this temporary discernment period, however long it may last.

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**Rationale:**

Resolution R-2 of this Convention speaks to the beginning of a formal process of deciding upon the final provincial affiliation of the diocese. When Resolution R-2 was written and distributed, the Global South Primatial Oversight Council had not yet been created. This new entity was created in Cairo, Egypt, by the Global South Primates Steering Committee on February 14-15, 2014.

Because this new entity was created within a month before our Convention, and because it speaks directly to our need by mentioning the possibility of diocesan affiliation, we believe the timing Providential to add this resolution as a third resolution from the floor for the current Convention.

Several aspects of this resolution need to be made clear. **First**, this resolution in no way takes away from the need for, and the careful discernment of, an ultimate diocesan affiliation for the diocese. Therefore it is to be seen as a matter of both/and rather than either/or. Bishop Mark Lawrence has made clear that the diocesan affiliation decision should be made neither hurriedly nor by him individually but by us corporately as a diocese.

**Secondly**, there is a specific time frame for the decision, but not a named date because it is unknown how long a process the discernment of affiliation will be. So while the time frame is temporary it is also open. We do not want to box the Holy Spirit in.

**Thirdly**, the second resolved is necessary because the situation on the ground in the communion continues to change, and, given that this latest change has just happened before our own convention, other as yet unknown changes may emerge BEFORE our ultimate diocesan affiliation decision has been reached.

**Fourthly**, this affiliation does not speak in any way about either GAFCON or ACNA, the ministries of which we appreciate, and the relationships within which we continue to seek nurture, cooperation and strength in the days ahead.

**Most importantly**, however, this resolution is the response to something others in the communion have created, and it provides a means for us to better make biblical Anglicans for a global age in this in-between-time. We choose to see it as a providential provision which gives us further sacramental closeness with the global Anglican family which we so richly treasure.

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# Statement from the Global South Primates Steering Committee, Cairo, Egypt 14-15 February 2014

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3).*

1. The Global South Primates Steering Committee met at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt from 14-15 February 2014. We were delighted to have The Most Rev. & Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, the Chairman of the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA), and Canon David Porter, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Director for Reconciliation, as guests joining this important meeting in which we discussed the way ahead for the Anglican Communion and other matters. The Most Rev. Dr. Eliud Wabukala, the Primate of Kenya, and The Most Rev. Henri Isingoma, the Primate of Congo, apologized for not being able to attend.

2. We thank God for the times of fellowship, Bible study and prayer together. We also appreciated the frank discussion, open sharing, and spirit of unity among us. We are also encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury's emphases on renewal, mission and evangelism within the Church of England and the rest of the Anglican Communion.

3. As we reviewed the current situation, we recognized that the fabric of the Communion was torn at its deepest level as a result of the actions taken by The Episcopal Church (USA) and the Anglican Church in Canada since 2003. As a result, our Anglican Communion is currently suffering from broken relations, a lack of trust, and dysfunctional "instruments of unity."

4. However, we trust in God's promise that the "gates of hades will not overcome" the church. Holding unto this promise, we believe that we have to make every effort in order to restore our beloved Communion. Therefore we took the following decisions:

a) We request and will support the Archbishop of Canterbury to call for a Primates Meeting in 2015 in order to address the increasingly deteriorating situation facing the Anglican Communion. It is important that the agenda of this Primates Meeting be discussed and agreed upon by the Primates beforehand in order to ensure an effective meeting.

b) We decided to establish a **Primalial Oversight Council**, in following-through the recommendations taken at Dromantine in 2005 and Dar es Salam in 2007, to provide pastoral and primalial oversight to dissenting individuals, parishes, and dioceses in order to keep them within the Communion.

c) We realize that the time has come to address the ecclesial deficit, the mutual accountability and re-shaping the instruments of unity by following through the recommendations mentioned in the Windsor Report (2004), the Primates Meetings in Dromantine (2005) and Dar es Salam (2007), and the Windsor Continuation Group report.

5. We appreciate the costly decision of the House of Bishops of the Church of England, as well as the pastoral letter and pastoral guidance of The Archbishop of Canterbury and The Archbishop of York, in regard to the decision of the Westminster Parliament for same-gender marriage. The faithfulness of the Church of England in this regard is a great encouragement to our Provinces, and indeed the rest of the Communion, especially those facing hardships and wars.

6. We stand in solidarity with The Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Deng Bul and the people of South Sudan and Sudan, calling for the cessation of fighting, an end to violence, and for a process for peace and reconciliation. We call upon the international community to give every help and support to those displaced as a result of fighting. We commit ourselves to pray for the people of Sudan.

7. We were encouraged to learn about the new constitution of Egypt and how the interim government is achieving the roadmap that was decided by its people on the 3 July 2013. We support the people of Egypt in their efforts to combat violence and terrorism.

8. We decided to activate the Task Forces established at the 4th Encounter of the Global South, which are: Economic Empowerment (coordinated by Archbishop Eliud Wabukala), Theological Resourcing (coordinated by Archbishop Bolly Lapok), Emerging Servant Leaders (coordinated by Archbishop Ian Ernest), and Inter-faith Relations (coordinated by Archbishop Nicholas Okoh).

9. We decided to hold the 5th Encounter of the Global South in 2015 and also organize a seminar for Global South leaders on “How Africa shaped Anglicanism”.

This statement is approved by:

**The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Anis**, Bishop of Egypt and Chairman of Global South

**The Most Rev. Ian Ernest**, Primate of the Indian Ocean and General Secretary of Global South

**The Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo**, Primate of Myanmar

**The Most Rev. Hector “Tito” Zavala**, Primate of the Southern Cone

**The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi**, Primate of Burundi and the Chairman of CAPA

**The Rt. Rev. John Chew**, representing the Primate of South East Asia

**The Rt. Rev. Francis Loyo**, representing the Primate of All Sudan

This statement was abstained by:

**The Most Rev. Nkechi Nwosu**, representing the Primate of All Nigeria