

Resolution for the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

I. TYPE OF RESOLUTION:

A resolution to approve an Agreement and Plan of Merger necessary to legally accomplish the reunification of the Dioceses of Central Pennsylvania and Bethlehem as a single legal entity entitled The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna

II. TITLE & AUTHOR OF RESOLUTION:

Agreement and Plan of Merger

Legal Process Working Group of the Transition Leadership Committee

Whereas, the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania meeting in their duly called Diocesan Conventions on October 19, 2024, in accordance with Canon I.10.6 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, approved a Joint Agreement of Union to reunify as The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna; and

Whereas, the Legal Process Working Group, submits to this Convention the Agreement and Plan of Merger, a legal document outlining a process such that the two dioceses will legally merge, and the name of the merged entity shall be The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna.

III: RESOLUTION:

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED

That this Convention approves the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger such that the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Bethlehem legally become The Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna; and

Directs that said document be submitted to the Attorney General's Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and such appropriate Orphan's Court of this Commonwealth as may be necessary and proper to legally accomplish the Reunification.

IV: SPONSOR

Legal Process Working Group of the Transition Leadership Committee

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

View the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger: <https://diobeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Proposed-Agreement-and-Plan-of-Merger-with-Exhibits.pdf>