

Resolution E - 182

A Resolution Regarding Deaconess Anne House Representation at Diocesan Convention

WHEREAS, Deaconess Anne House has served since 2013 as a committed worshipping body in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Deaconess Anne House is a community comprised specifically of young adults intentionally seeking to live as persons of faith in the world; and

WHEREAS, the instruments of Episcopal Church governance sometimes fail to solicit the input of young adult voices when considering issues that affect the future of the Church, and

WHEREAS, Deaconess Anne House members have a unique and vital insight into the spiritual longings of young adults as they intentionally practice forming relationships with other young adult communities, and do so both within and beyond the Episcopal Service Corps and larger Episcopal Church networks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri agrees that young adults are valued members of the church community and that representation matters in leadership and decision making roles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to grant seat, voice and vote to representatives of the Deaconess Anne House at the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, Article III.3 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri be amended by adding a new Section 15 which shall read as follows:

SEC. 15. Each branch of the Episcopal Service Corps located in this Diocese with a full-time director and each other branch of the Episcopal Service Corps located in this Diocese recognized by the Bishop and Standing Committee may designate a representative who shall have seat, voice and vote in Convention. Each representative shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Bishop after consultation with the Bishop's clergy presence in that community of faith.

Submitted/Sponsored by 2020-2021 DAH 8.0 Corps Members, The Rev. Michaelene Miller, The Rev. Jon Stratton, and The Rev. Camie Dewey