

RESOLUTION I- 183

**THE MERGER OF ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
and THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, A PARISH OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA --
SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. Earl Mahan and The Committee on Lay Credentials
and Admission of New Parishes and Missions**

1. BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 1 of Diocesan Canon IV.16, this 183rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Missouri approves in principle the merger of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of St. Louis County and the Church of the Good Shepherd, a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, subject to the Bishop's final approval of such merger, and satisfaction of the following conditions within 90 days after the close of this meeting of Convention.
 - a. A written plan of merger, as required by Section 3 of Canon IV.16, shall be prepared by the congregations or their representatives and delivered to the Bishop and Chancellor. It shall include, among other things, an identification of any property which will not be used by the merged congregations.
 - b. The congregations or their respective representatives shall consult with the Bishop on the matter.
 - c. If it be the Bishop's judgment that a merger should proceed, he shall lay the matter (including the plan of merger and any recommendations or comments of the Chancellor) before the Standing Committee for its advice and consent.
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the foregoing conditions are timely satisfied:
 - a. The plan of merger shall be implemented.
 - b. The Chancellor shall promptly cause the merger to be accomplished under the secular laws of the State of Missouri.
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 183rd Annual Meeting of Convention express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of mission, ministry, community service, and support of the Diocese, rendered by St. Luke's Episcopal Church of St. Louis County and the Church of the Good Shepherd, a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 183rd Annual Meeting of Convention express its enthusiastic support for the future endeavors of the merged congregations.