

Policy on Theological Education Offering

(Adopted by Diocesan Convention, October 22, 1983)

WHEREAS, the ministry of continuing, quality theological education by the accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church is threatened by financial pressures; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church is the only major church in this country which does not provide funding, on the national level, for its seminaries; and

WHEREAS, the 67th General Convention, meeting in New Orleans, La., established a policy that each parish and mission of the several dioceses of this church shall give annually at least 1 percent of its net disposable budgeted income (item E less line 1754 of the Annual Parochial Report) to one or more of the accredited seminaries; be it

RESOLVED, that each parish of the Diocese of Kansas be asked to designate an amount equal or at least one percent (1 percent) of its net disposable budget income to be used for support of the accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these monies be sent to the diocesan office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these monies be distributed by the diocese in the following way: one-third (1/3) of each parish's offering to an accredited seminary designated by that parish; one-third (1/3) of the total offering throughout the diocese to seminaries where students from this diocese are in attendance; and one-third (1/3) of the total offerings to a seminary or seminaries which agree to provide programs for the theological education of the laity of the diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this plan will be reviewed after three years of use and suggested modifications will be submitted to Diocesan Convention.

(Amended by Diocesan Convention, October 31, 1987)

RESOLVED, that the present policy concerning Theological Education Offering adopted by the Convention on October 22, 1983, be modified so that parishes and clergy are encouraged to continue to support the Theological Education Offering and to send their offerings through the diocesan office to be forwarded as designated by the donors, with undesignated offerings to be sent to the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest at Austin, Texas.