

RESOLUTION 14-01
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
40th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION, February 21 & 22, 2014

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Title: Establish a Study Commission on Mission Share Pledges

Proposed By: Mission Plan Stewardship Committee

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Resolved that the 40th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego establish a commission comprised of twelve members (six clergy and six lay members with broad representation from across the diocese) to be appointed by the Bishop to study and evaluate alternative ways of computing Mission Share Pledges which acknowledge congregational and diocesan ministry goals and report with recommendations to Convention 2015.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:

Participation from throughout the diocese forged our current Mission Plan. We now need broad participation discerning what size and scope of diocesan budget will best serve fully achieving that plan. This exercise is overdue. We have let available funds define the size and scope of our diocesan work, instead of defining the work and then funding it. The current broad range of suggested Mission Share pledge (10-20%) offers insufficient guidance for how congregational and diocesan ministry goals are to be balanced. Alternative models have been used elsewhere, and we can learn from experience with those. A commission is needed to gather the input described here, research alternative systems for calculating Mission Share Pledge, and make recommendations for our future.