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# Theological Statement for Episcopal Transition

We are unified by the Mission and Vision of our diocese:

**Our Mission:** The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego is a missionary community that dares to follow Jesus Christ in his life of fearless love for the world.

**Our Vision:** Undeterred by borders or barriers, we are pilgrims with Jesus in relentlessly searching for others to befriend, know, and invite to Christ's Eucharistic table of reconciliation and sacrificial love.

Mindful of the Bible's witness to a God bent on appointing those deemed unlikely for leadership, we will craft a process that looks deep and wide for our next bishop.

Because we know Jesus reached across boundaries and challenged norms, we will resist well-defined expectations that could close our hearts and eyes to God's imagination.

Toward these ends, we commit ourselves to these values and practices as embodying the theological foundation of our search:

1. All our work will be grounded in prayer.
2. The membership of our deliberative bodies will reflect all dimensions of our diocese.
3. Our goal in every step and task will be discovering where the mind of God leads us.
4. We will not settle for conversations dominated by those who are most assertive, but rather will display interest in every person's sense of the Spirit's movement.
5. In time of confusion or uncertainty, we will create a quiet space to invite the Spirit's guidance, favoring listening over speaking.



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6. We will trust God's sense of time, never dispensing with any of the values stated here simply because we feel the need to declare a job done.
7. We will pursue our work with a sense of excitement and curiosity, eager to discover God's divine surprises.