RESOLUTION 18-01

**Title:** Clarifying Delegates to Electing Convention

**Proposed By:** The Standing Committee, through The Rev. Kathleen Kelly

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**Resolved,** that the 45th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego (“Diocese”) instruct the Presider at the Electing Convention expected to occur on February 2, 2019, to seat, with voice and vote, one additional delegate from each of three congregations (St. Luke’s, San Diego; All Souls, San Diego; and St. James, La Jolla), in accord with the Average Sunday Attendance (“ASA”) reported on their parochial reports for 2017, now certified by the Diocese.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION: Title I, Canon 4.03 of our Diocesan Canons provides how many delegates each congregation shall have at conventions based upon the Average Sunday Attendance (“ASA”) in the “latest available annual parochial report.” Following the historical practice, in March of 2018, the Bishop’s Executive Assistant notified congregations how many delegates each should select for this convention. This notice was based on the parochial reports for 2016, which were at that time the most recent reports fully completed and certified.

Canon 4.03 also provides that delegates serve from the time of the convention for which they are selected until the next convention, including any special conventions (such as our upcoming electing convention).

The parochial reports for 2017 were complete and certified in May of 2018. Application of the ASA from these reports would result in each of the above-named congregations receiving one additional delegate. These congregations could certainly contend that Canon 4.03 should not be applied to their disadvantage.

The Presider at the electing convention will be responsible for ruling on any dispute concerning seating of delegates. It is desirable to settle the issue described here in advance, so that affected congregations can plan accordingly. The Standing Committee recommends adopting this resolution to afford the maximum participation arguably supported by the canons.