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Diocese of San Diego Resolution Regarding Training on Child Sexual Abuse and Adult Sexual Misconduct

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Title: Safeguarding God's Children Resolution 06-02

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that this 2006 San Diego Diocesan Convention recommit itself to the vision of the role of children in the church as articulated in *A Children's Charter for the Church* as adopted by the 72nd General Convention of 1997. The *Charter*, among other things, calls the church to:

- Receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God;
- Love, shelter, protect and defend children within the community and in the world, especially those who are abused, neglected or in danger;
- Advocate for the integrity of childhood and the dignity of all children at every level of our religious, civic and political structures;
- And to be a community where children and adults know one another by name, care about one another, and work together to follow Jesus' teachings and do God's work; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention acknowledges that the times and circumstances demand that the Church articulate a clear and firm commitment to the safety of all, especially children, that we support this commitment with clear firm policies and procedures for the well being of all; and that we commit this Church to being and becoming a place where children and youth are safe, especially from abuse and neglect; and be it further

Resolved, that this Diocese revise current policies and develop and adopt policies and procedures for the protection of children and youth from abuse and address:

- Screening and selection processes for those who regularly work with youth;
- Articulation of behavioral standards for those working with children or youth;
- Education and training in creating a safe church, and
- Guidelines for responding to concerns

Resolved, that every congregation of this Diocese commit itself to providing safe church environment by complying to the new policies and procedures which are developed and distributed in 2006-2007.

Title: Safeguarding God's People Resolution 06-04

And we further *Resolve*, that this Convention 2006 recommit itself to mandates of our baptismal covenant which include seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, striving for justice and peace for all people and respecting the dignity of every human being, and be it further

Resolved, that because of these mandates of love, respect, service and justice, we have acknowledged our obligation to articulate clear standards about sexual

harassment and misconduct and to ensure that our ministry is guided by them, and be it further

Resolved, that this Diocese revise current policies and training and develop and adopt policies and procedures for the avoidance of misconduct which comply with the Title IV revisions of the Canons of the National Church adopted at General Convention 2006.

Resolved, that every congregation of this San Diego Episcopal Diocese commit itself to providing a safe church environment by complying with the new policies and procedures which are developed and distributed in 2006-2007.