

Bishop Hughes, Officers, Convention Deputies and Clergy

On Christmas Eve, 1996, following the midnight service at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, a parish of the diocese, the rector abruptly resigned. In the months that followed, financial impropriety was made clear. The congregation was left in a truly precarious state. In May 1997, St. Gregory's was made an incorporated mission of the diocese, to aid in stabilizing the congregation.

Ove the many years since those difficult days, St. Gregory's has worked very hard to shore up its financial well-being and, more importantly, its commitment to ministry in its local community. Their Vicar, the Rev. Susan Sica, has been with them for more than 16 years, as they have not only become stable, but begun to look at bold new ministries in the future. To facilitate that work and in recognition of their recovery, St. Gregory's has applied to be reinstated as a parish in union with this Convention.

Therefore, I move this resolution:

RESOLVED, that this 146th Annual Convention gives thanks to God for St. Gregory's Episcopal Church located in Parsippany, County of Morris, New Jersey. This Convention commends the effective proclamation of the gospel by words and deeds of its laity, applauds its commitment through the stewardship of its financial and physical assets and warm Christian fellowship to build a strong congregation, and is gladdened by their vision for ministry in the years to come; and, recognizing that St. Gregory's has submitted papers applying for renewed union with this Convention as a parish, having been made a mission in 1997, and that such papers have been found to comply with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and that the application has the recommendation of the Standing Committee and Bishop; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention approves the application and welcomes St. Gregory's Episcopal Church as a member parish in union with the Diocese of Newark.