Resolution 2011-1: Resolution Changing Canonical Term from “Supervised Congregation” to “Assisted Congregation.”

Offered by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, meeting on August 9, 2011:

RESOLVED, by the 43rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting at Punta Gorda on the 22nd day of October, 2011:

That the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida be amended as follows:

First, that Canon IX, Section 6, paragraph e be amended as follows:

If the recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee is that a referred Congregation receive financial assistance SUPPORT or extraordinary supervision ASSISTANCE from the Diocese in order to continue operating in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church or of this Diocese, and the Bishop and Diocesan Council both approve the recommendation, the Congregation, whether a parish or a mission, shall be considered a Supervised ASSISTED Congregation until Diocesan Council removes the designation.

Second, that conforming amendments be made throughout the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida wherever the term “Supervised Congregation” occurs.

Explanation:

The language to be removed is struck out: example. The language to be added is in upper case letters: EXAMPLE. Underlined letters indicate that the letter will be in upper case when printed in normal text: EXAMPLE will be printed as Example in the normal format.

The reason for the proposed change is to clarify the relationship of congregations referred to the Committee on Congregational Development to address extraordinary challenges. The role of the Diocese and the CDC is not to assume control, but to assist the congregation in working through issues in a way that keeps it accountable toward its responsibilities as a worshipping community and Member of Convention.