

Whereas the Anglican choral tradition is strong and revered, rooted in the history of the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas the musicians, culture, and language of Wales contributed significantly to the Anglican choral tradition; and

Whereas, in particular, the reprise of the last phrase during the final verse of a Welsh hymn is considered best practice and a feature of Welsh hymnody; and

Whereas, Lois Tamplin, a devoted Episcopalian of Welsh heritage, an active choir member, and a recipient of the Bishop's Cross, has contributed mightily to the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, to St John's Episcopal Church in Sharon and other area churches, to the St. John's music ministry and choir, and to multitudinous other community and ecumenical groups and choirs; and

Whereas, Lois Tamplin is known to those who know and love her as “Miss Loie”;

Be it resolved by this Diocesan Convention, that the reprise of the last phrase during the singing of the final verse of a hymn shall be titled and referred to as a “Loie”; and

Be it further resolved, that singing a “Loie” is to be encouraged when Welsh hymns, especially “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”, are sung in this Diocese.