

**157<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Easton**  
**March 27, 2025 via zoom**  
**RESOLUTION 5 – Adopted as Amended**

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Easton undertake a year of discernment following the announcement of the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray's resignation effective February 2026; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this 157<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Easton endorse the Standing Committee's creation of a Diocesan Discernment Committee for the purpose in this year of discernment of leading the Diocese of Easton in discerning our diocese's future mission strategy, including whether our participation in God's mission could be strengthened by collaborating or partnering with another nearby diocese; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Discernment Committee present its findings and recommendations for action to the 158<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Easton for the purpose of deciding the preferred structure and mission strategy for the diocese after the completion of the episcopate of the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Discernment Committee produce the following:

- a) Resources to encourage and support the members of the diocese in praying for the diocese's discernment about its future ministry;
- b) Development and oversight of a process by which the entire diocese can provide input into our future mission strategy;
- c) Regular reports to the Standing Committee about the committee's work;
- d) A profile of the Diocese of Easton's history, ministry, challenges and strengths; and
- e) Recommendations to the Standing Committee to present to the 158<sup>th</sup> Convention about the diocese's preferred structure and mission strategy, including, if appropriate, possible next steps for exploring collaboration with nearby dioceses; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Office of the Presiding Bishop is providing a consultant to work with the Discernment Committee at that office's expense; other expenses for the committee's work up to \$3,000 are to come from the 2025 Operating Budget with oversight by the Diocesan Council; any additional funding would be subject to approval by the Diocesan Council.