

Resolution to Elect the Right Reverend Todd Ousley as Bishop Provisional for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

Whereas The Episcopal Church Canon III.13.1 provides that, "A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked;"

Whereas the Standing Committee has consulted with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, which oversees and assists with the selection of The Episcopal Church bishops, and received its guidance and counsel regarding bishop transitions and the role and selection of a Bishop Provisional, including specific advice with respect to the Diocese of Wyoming;

Whereas the Standing Committee has identified, performed due diligence on, contacted, and selected a qualified candidate with unique experience, including his service as The Episcopal Church Bishop of the office of pastoral development, to serve as Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Wyoming; and

Whereas The function of the Bishop Provisional will be to lead the Diocese while the Diocese proceeds with the process to call a Bishop Diocesan; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that at this special Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, the Standing Committee for the Diocese of Wyoming:

1. elects The Right Reverend Todd Ousley to serve as Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Wyoming to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese, effective as of March 2, 2025, until the period of discernment, search, election, and consecration of a new Bishop Diocesan has been completed or until this Resolution is revoked;
2. initiates the process to negotiate a mutually agreeable Letter of Agreement with Bishop Ousley for the period of his service with the Diocese of Wyoming, which process shall be completed in consultation with the Diocesan Council and the chancellor culminating in a Letter of Agreement to be executed on behalf of the Diocese by the President of the Standing Committee; and
3. authorizes the appropriate officers of the Diocese of Wyoming, including but not limited to the President of the Standing Committee, to take any and all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the foregoing Resolutions.