

A note from the Bishop on a resolution entitled “Resolution to Admit the Episcopal Church in Micronesia to the Diocese of Hawai‘i” adopted by Diocesan Convention:

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i (October 21, 2023) adopted a resolution entitled “Resolution to Admit the Episcopal Church in Micronesia to the Diocese of Hawai‘i.” It was adopted after moving testimony from representatives of the church on Guam and without dissent.

This resolution empowers the elected leaders of this Diocese to engage the Presiding Bishop, Executive Council and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to work to make the church and school on Guam and the church on Saipan part of the Diocese. Currently, the Episcopal Church in Micronesia (ECIM) is under the direct oversight of the Presiding Bishop who then delegates episcopal authority to another bishop (currently me). The church on Guam was founded as part of the Missionary District of Honolulu by Bishop Kennedy. ECIM Clergy are canonically resident in this Diocese. There are close commercial and historic relations between the islands of Micronesia and Hawai‘i. With improved technology, the congregations and clergy can be more integrated into this Diocese.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Bishop Bob

RESOLUTION FOR “Resolution to Admit the Episcopal Church in Micronesia to the Diocese of Hawai‘i” adopted as amended at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i:

BE IT RESOLVED that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i endorses and welcomes the full admission of the Episcopal Churches (St. John the Divine on Guam and St. Paul’s on Saipan) and School (St. John’s on Guam) on Guam and Saipan, currently constituting the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i authorize the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Deputation to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and Chancellor to engage with the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Executive Council, Presiding Bishop, and Chancellor for the Presiding Bishop to take the needed actions to admit the Episcopal Churches and School on Guam and Saipan, currently constituting the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i, and to transfer title of all property and assets of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia to the Episcopal Church of Hawai‘i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai'i seeks, with the full admission of the Episcopal Churches and School on Guam into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, for the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, as an ecclesial and corporate organization of The Episcopal Church, be dissolved.