

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2015

[Please leave this language on your form:] In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: Delegation of Authority to Bishop and Standing Committee Regarding Relationship with Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School

- 1 RESOLVED: This 110th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah affirms the
2 historic relationship between the Episcopal Church in Utah and Rowland Hall-St.
3 Mark's School, founded by Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The relationship between the Diocese and the School
6 has evolved and continues to evolve to meet new opportunities and challenges for the
7 School and its mission, requiring occasional review and adjustments in specific aspects
8 of its relationship with the Diocese. This presently includes a desire to review and
9 update certain provisions of an Agreement between the Diocese and the School dated
10 September 28, 1972, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This 110th Convention hereby authorizes the Bishop
13 and the Standing Committee of the Diocese to act for the Convention in negotiating any
14 amendments to the said 1972 Agreement as will, in the determination of the Bishop
15 and the Standing Committee, serve and further the best interests of the Church and the

16 School in the future provision of a chaplain or other church presence at the School.

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Date: _____

Moved by Standing Committee

Congregation/Organization: Diocese

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EXPLANATION: Because of its requirement of Diocesan Convention approved the 1972 Agreement unduly restricts the opportunity of the Bishop and Diocesan leadership in working with the leadership of Rowland Hall-St. Mark’s School to appropriately redefine the role of a Chaplain at the School. The considerations in this discussion include at least the following: (1) the School is an independent School and has been for more than thirty years; (2) the academic needs of the School require faculty of certain teaching credentials not often possessed by Episcopal clergy; (3) fewer Episcopal clergy feel called to serve as school chaplains on a full-time basis; (4) the costs of a full-time chaplain who is not also fully qualified to teach academic subjects is a substantial burden on the School and (5) the heritage of the School founded by Bishop Tuttle and operated as an Episcopal school for many decades is otherwise preserved by the presence of the Chapel, the occasional Episcopal services as a welcome part of the life of the School, and the permanent seat on the Board of Trustees for the Bishop of the Diocese of Utah.

Fiscal Note: N/A _____

Note: Filing deadline is **July 25th, 2015**. Resolutions received in proper form by then will be published on the website for Diocesan Convention 2015 prior to the Pre-Convention Meeting. Pursuant to the Rules of Order, Rule VI.6, introductory paragraph and subparagraph e, respectively, “Resolutions filed after that date shall be referred to the Diocesan Council unless placed on the Calendar of the Convention upon a two-thirds majority vote. . . .”.

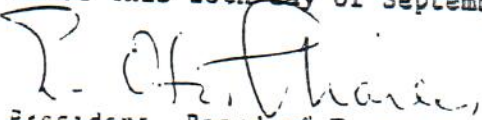
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROWLAND HALL - ST. MARK'S SCHOOL AND THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE IN UTAH CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHAPLAIN AND THE ELECTION OF A HEAD OF THE SCHOOL, (HEADMASTER OR HEADMISTRESS).

1. The school shall have a representative of the clergy of the Episcopal Church as a regular member of the faculty. The Head of the School will select the chaplain and direct his daily activities. The Bishop may assist in recruiting this individual and must consent to his appointment and may well lend physical and spiritual support to his endeavor. The school will provide for the financial support commensurate with his rank and experience, meeting at least the diocesan minimum standards. The Head of the School must support such an individual and must dignify his position by providing a designated place for his counseling services and facilities for appropriate seminars and services. The teaching responsibilities of the chaplain shall reflect his academic specialty and would be determined by the Head of the School.

2. The Board recognizes the Head of the School as the key person in the administration of the school. This individual must function under the direction of the Board; and in view of the importance of the role which he plays in school administration, must be selected by the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board of Trustees.

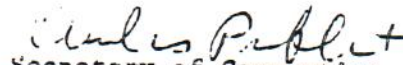
3. This agreement cannot be amended without the consent of Convention of the Episcopal Diocese in Utah.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1972.


President, Board of Trustees
Rowland Hall - St. Mark's School


Episcopal Bishop of Utah


Secretary, Board of Trustees


Secretary of Convention

