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**The 172nd Annual Convention
Diocese of Chicago
November 20-21, 2009**

Subject: Continuation of the Work in Progress of the Youth Ministry Task Force

Sponsor: The Rev. Terri Stanford, on behalf of the Youth Ministry Task Force:

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RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the 172nd Convention direct the Youth Ministry Task Force to continue its work and report its findings in the form of a report and any furthering resolutions to the 173rd Convention.

EXPLANATION

The Youth Ministry Task Force was commissioned by the Bishop as a result of Resolution C-171 of the 171st Convention, and is working as directed by that resolution to gather data from the congregations of the Diocese to determine the costs of successful youth ministry, the standards of compensation and benefits for youth ministers, the role of youth ministers in our diocesan life, and the scope of their work. The information is in process of being gathered and studied by the task force.

Given that the ministry to and with young people is a primary mission and outreach of the Church and that our Diocese is known nationally as a leader in this area, it is important that there be balance between diocesan policies and procedures reflective of this commitment. The youth members of our Church are full members of the Body of Christ and those who minister to them have vocations within the Church.

Youth Ministers in the Diocese of Chicago are both paid and unpaid, clergy and lay, full time and part time. Benefits and compensation vary widely across the Diocese.

The Youth Ministry Task Force has been meeting since May and has provided a comprehensive survey to the clergy and youth ministers covering the scope of the youth ministry being offered in our Diocese. We are currently receiving the results of that survey.

Adoption of this resolution is not expected to require expenditures that would have an impact on the Diocesan budget.