

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION #1**

**GRATITUDE FOR THE WORK OF THE PANEL OF REFERENCE**

**Whereas the Panel of Reference of the Anglican Communion in its Report to the Archbishop of Canterbury posted on January 8, 2007 has demonstrated its continued support for the position of this Diocese, especially in (a) commending the Dallas Plan to all parties; (b) reiterating that “no diocese or parish should be compelled to accept the ministry of word or sacrament from” a woman functioning as a priest; (c) that “provision has to be made to meet the conscientious objection to [priestly] ministry by women”;**

**And whereas the Panel has recommended “that it be made clear that it is legitimate for a diocese to ask of candidates for election as bishop that they abide by the particular policy of the diocese in relation to the ministry of women”; “that theological views on the ordination or consecration of women should not be a ground on which consent might be withheld by the Province/House of Bishops”;**

**And whereas the Panel has recommended “that the Archbishop of Canterbury should discuss with the Presiding Bishop”[of The Episcopal Church] clarifying the relevant canon adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church “to ensure that the permissive” rather than mandatory “nature of the ordination of women is maintained in any diocese”;**

**And whereas the Panel has recommended “that the Archbishop of Canterbury continue discussions with the Diocese of Fort Worth and with the Episcopal Church with the aim of securing the place of Fort Worth in the Communion”.**

**Be it resolved that the 25th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth express its heartfelt appreciation for the faithful, prayerful and godly statements and actions of the Panel of Reference in fraternal support of this Diocese.**