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RESOLUTION TEXT (ORIGINAL)

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That The Episcopal Church ratify the rubrics and practice of *The Book of Common Prayer* to invite all, regardless of age, denomination, or baptism to the altar for Holy Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon 1.17.7: be deleted: Sec. 7 ~~No unbaptized person shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church.~~ and Canon 1.17.8 be renumbered Canon 1.17.7.

EXPLANATION

In recent decades the Episcopal Church, with prayerful consideration and deliberation, has consistently moved to being a more inclusive, open and welcoming member of Christ's Body. Such grace is riveted on the teachings and actions of Jesus and the compassionate embrace he had for all…no matter their creed or race. We believe it essential our Liturgy reflect the unconditional hospitality our Lord employed for his mission.

We believe such an open invitation for all to fully participate in the Eucharist is in keeping with our catechism's teaching of grace: Grace is God's favor toward us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills." (Catechism, p. 858)

We believe appropriate preparation and readiness to receive the spiritual body and blood of Christ is experienced within the unfolding of the Divine Liturgy, providing whatever an individual needs for examination, repentance and forgiveness amid the call to be in love and charity with all people. (Catechism, p. 860)

We know from our strivings within ecumenism and mission that the communion Christ intended for all is perilous and difficult, and that boldness in offering radical hospitality is our calling rather than canonically driven caution.