

MEMORANDUM TO BISHOP HENDERSON

RE: Title IV Review Committee -- Bishop of Fort Worth

DATE: September 12, 2008

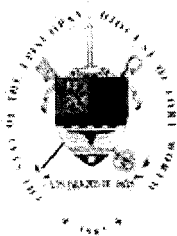
An additional document that is relevant to our August 26, 2008 submission regarding Bishop Iker has just been released. Please add to our recent submission the following:

Tab G: "Third Report from the Bishop and Standing Committee concerning the Province of the Southern Cone" (September 8, 2008)

This item is the third report by Bishop Iker and the Standing Committee to the Diocese regarding the implications of "becoming a member diocese of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone." (The first two reports may be found at Tab D of our initial submission.) It states, "[w]e recommend that this Diocese affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone as a member diocese, on a temporary, pastoral basis, until such time as an orthodox Province of the Anglican Communion can be established in North America."

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cc: Jack W. Burtch, Esquire



From the Bishop and Standing Committee • Sept. 8, 2008

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, the Executive Council of the diocese adopted and endorsed - with only one dissenting vote - the following report and recommendation of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

The recommendation of this third report made in response to Resolution 2 of the 25th Annual Convention of the diocese will be presented to clergy and delegates to the upcoming 26th Annual Convention for consideration on Nov. 14 & 15, 2008.

Third Report from the Bishop and Standing Committee concerning The Anglican Province of the Southern Cone

A resolution adopted by the 25th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth requested “that the Bishop and Standing Committee prepare a report for this diocese on the constitutional and canonical implications and means” of becoming a member diocese of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. Two preliminary reports* have been made – one on January 9, 2008, and another on February 12, 2008 – and both should be reviewed at this time, for they are an integral part of the recommendation we are making to the 26th Annual Diocesan Convention.

After months of prayerful discernment and extensive consultation with others, both within our own diocese and beyond, we have come to the following conclusion. We recommend that this Diocese affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone as a member diocese, on a temporary, pastoral basis, until such time as an orthodox Province of the Anglican Communion can be established in North America.

We have been in conversation about this matter with the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and they will be presenting to Convention the necessary changes to our constitution and canons to enact this realignment.

We pray for God’s grace to uphold and guide us in the days ahead and for the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire us “with the spirit of truth, unity and concord” as we seek to serve and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Presented by
The Bishop and Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

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Province of the Southern Cone](#)

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previous items: [First Report](#) • [Second Report*](#)

*While the second report invited questions and promised to address additional concerns in a subsequent publication, none have been submitted to the Standing Committee during the intervening months.