**RESOLUTION (#4) – Diocesan Conversations on Provinces**

Submitted by Province VI

**General Convention legislative number: C005**

Presented to the Synod of Province III on May 6, 2024

If adopted by the Synod, to be forwarded to the Secretary of General Convention

*Resolved*, That the Synod of Province III, meeting in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on May 6, 2024, endorse the following resolution and hereby instructs the Secretary of Province III to forward this endorsement by no later than May 21, 2024, to the Secretary of General Convention.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Title: Diocesan Conversations Regarding Provinces

Proposer: Province VI of The Episcopal Church

Submitter: Ellen Bruckner, Coordinator of Province VI

*Resolved*, That each diocese (bishops, clergy, and laity) discuss the ways it will be in relationship and support the identified ministries of the Province of which they are a part. Dioceses will offer this support to the Province through the Provincial Council/Executive Committee meetings prior to the 2027 General Convention.

**Explanation**

The intent of this resolution is to ask dioceses to talk about their relationship with their Province. It is an opportunity to share the purpose and mission of the Province with those in each diocese who have had little connection with the Provincial structure. All too often a “blanket” statement is made about Provinces; and this resolution offers an opportunity for each diocese to look more closely at its actions and beliefs about the provincial part of the overall structure of The Episcopal Church.