

R2024-01: Change of canonical designation for Church of Our Saviour, Mechanicsburg, from mission to parish

Whereas Canon XVI section 17 states:

For Missions presently in union with the Convention, a change of designation from Mission to Parish shall be made by the Bishop upon recommendation of the Commission on Congregational Life; and

Whereas the criteria for such a change, according to Canon XVI section 17 are as follows:

1. Celebration of public worship at least weekly.
2. Maintenance of an adequate level of ordained leadership as approved by the Commission on Congregational Life. Such leadership shall be compensated in accordance with the minimum Diocesan standards.
3. Payment of the Congregation's full annual Diocesan assessment
4. Servicing all legal debts of the Parish.
5. Twenty (20) or more persons aged 18 years or older from at least twenty separate households as members in good standing; *and*

Whereas, Church of Our Savior, Mechanicsburg, has met all the above requirements; *therefore, be it*

Resolved, that Church of Our Savior, Mechanicsburg be granted a change in status from Mission to Parish.

Impact

Mission status exists to aid in the capacity-building of the gathered body in place. But the diocese is strengthened by more participation in the structure and governance process. By becoming a parish, by canonical status, the whole body is recognizing and affirming the work the Holy Spirit has been at work among the community and leaders.

Presented by:

Commission on Congregational Life
The Rev. Michael Tigner, chair