

Courtesy Resolution Honoring Distinguished Service in the Diocese of Southern Ohio

151st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

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Champion Mill Conference Center, Hamilton Ohio

Whereas, the *Mission Implementation Team* has, over the past year, given of their time and wisdom through weekly and monthly meetings, guiding the diocese in living more fully into its new mission, grounding our common life in discernment, faithfulness, and collaborative ministry; *and*

Whereas, *Canon Jon Boss* has faithfully served the diocese through his leadership in the Dispatch of Business and as chair of the Nominating Committee, offering his steady hand, organizational care, and deep commitment to the good order and flourishing of our common work; *and*

Whereas, *Dr. James Allsop* has provided steadfast leadership as chair of the diocesan Standing Committee, demonstrating thoughtful vision, perseverance, and a heart for the people and parishes of Southern Ohio; *and*

Whereas, *Attorney Joe Dehner*, upon his retirement as Chancellor, has given years of wise counsel, integrity, and faithful service to the diocese, exemplifying Christian vocation through his legal acumen and his dedication to the well-being of the Church; *and*

Whereas, *The Rev. Canon Jack Koepke* has faithfully served for many years as a Trustee of the Diocese, sharing his pastoral heart, sound judgment, and commitment to the stewardship of diocesan resources; *and*

Whereas, *Trinity Episcopal Church in Hamilton, Ohio* has been committed to the spiritual health and well-being of their hometown since 1823 and have been gracious hosts to us here at Champion Mill, as well as to all who enter their doors; *and*

Whereas, that their service reflects and embodies the values we cherish as Episcopalians in Southern Ohio —

the **Integrity** that grounds our words and actions in prayer, reflection, and faithfulness;
the **Relationship** that builds inclusive community marked by justice, reconciliation, and mutual service;
and the **Love** that follows Jesus into the world, transforming fear into hope, estrangement into unity, and despair into joy;

Be it therefore Resolved, that this 151st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio gives thanks to God for the faithful ministry, leadership, and devotion of these individuals and groups, whose collective witness strengthens the Church's mission and builds up the Body of Christ in Southern Ohio; *and be it further*

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Convention and shared with each honoree as a sign of our abiding gratitude, respect, and affection.