

**Text of WNY Delegates Resolution to hold 2020 Convention by electronic means.**

Whereas, it is usual for the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York to meet with all Lay Delegates and Clergy in person, in accordance with New York State Law regarding nonprofit corporations and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and

Whereas, the public health emergency caused by Covid-19 pandemic has made it both dangerous and illegal to gather in large groups;

Whereas the State of New York permits during this pandemic, by Executive Order, the holding of a nonprofit corporation's annual meeting by electronic means provided that all participants can see and hear and participate in the proceedings; and we are satisfied that the provisions that have been made for this convention meet both the letter of the Executive Order and the spirit of Canon Law;

We hereby authorize this meeting to be held by electronic means that allow all lay delegates and clergy to see and hear and participate in the proceedings of this convention.