

Resolution to Remove Bay Area Seafarer's Service as a Diocesan Institution.

Whereas, the Bay Area Seafarer's Service became a Diocesan Institution of the Diocese of California in 1962, faithfully serving mariners in the Port of Oakland; and

Whereas, in 2011, the Bay Area Seafarer's Service merged into and became part of the Seaman's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey under a charter issued by the State of New York and under the ecclesiastical supervision of the Bishops of New York, Newark, and New Jersey; and

Whereas, as a result, the Bay Area Seafarer's Service is no longer eligible for recognition as a Diocesan Institution of the Diocese of California;

Resolved, that the Convention gratefully recognizes that the Bay Area Seafarer's Service has completed its work and status as a Diocesan Institution; and further

Resolved, that the Secretary shall remove its name from the list of institutions in the Convention Journal

**Report on behalf of The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus and The Standing
Committee of the Diocese of California related to the Bay Area
Seafarer's Service**

It has come to our attention that the entity formerly known as The Bay Area Seafarer's Service, an institution of the Diocese of California, is no longer eligible for recognition as a Diocesan Institution of the Diocese of California.

The 2020-2021 Standing Committee, in an attempt to update its records related to diocesan institutions, discovered that in 2010, Bay Area Seafarer's Board of Directors voted to merge with Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. The merger was effected in 2011 and the members of the resulting ministry ("Surviving Party") consisted of the Bishops of the Dioceses of New York, New Jersey, and Newark. A Certificate of Merger was filed with the State of New York Department of State August 11, 2011, and with the California Secretary of State August 30, 2011.

According to the provisions of The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of California, Section 17.07, we are submitting this report for consideration by the members of Diocesan Convention. It is our opinion that the fact that the Seafarer's Service no longer exists within the boundaries of this diocese demonstrates that it does not conform to the requirements of this canon (XVII). We recommend that (a) Bay Area Seafarer's Service's status as a Diocesan Institution be revoked and (b) that the Secretary of Convention remove Bay Area Seafarer's Service from the list of Diocesan Institutions reported in the journals of this and all future meetings of Convention. A formal resolution to this effect is contained in the Consent Calendar for the 172nd Convention of the Diocese of California.

We are aware that the canon requires that this report be prepared **after** notice and opportunity for hearing. Because the entity in question no longer exists, we have been unable to invite representatives of the institution to a formal hearing process. We have therefore posted our intent to recommend revocation of institutional status in the Diocesan Convention materials and in the Diocesan Newsletter in advance of the formal introduction of a resolution. We believe these actions serve the intent of the canon.

Respectfully Submitted by:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus
Bishop of California

and

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