

## Resolution 5

**TITLE:** The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, Tuman, Guam, admitted into union with the Diocese of Hawai‘i

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BE IT RESOLVED, this the 56<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i, admit the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, Tuman, Guam, into union with the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i as an organized Mission; and Be it further resolved that the lay delegates of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, Tuman, Guam, be admitted to the 56th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i with seat, voice and vote.

**RATIONALE/EXPLANATION.** At the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i in 2023, the following resolution was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i endorses and welcomes the full admission of the Episcopal Churches (St. John the Divine on Guam and St. Paul’s on Saipan) and School (St. John’s on Guam) on Guam and Saipan, currently constituting the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i authorize the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Deputation to the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and Chancellor to engage with the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Executive Council, Presiding Bishop, and Chancellor for the Presiding Bishop to take the needed actions to admit the Episcopal Churches and School on Guam and Saipan, currently constituting the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i, and to transfer title of all property and assets of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia to the Episcopal Church of Hawai‘i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this the 55th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i seeks, with the full admission of the Episcopal Churches and School on Guam into the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i, for the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, as an ecclesial and corporate organization of The Episcopal Church, be dissolved."

The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church then adopted the following resolution this past June:

"Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approve the expansion of the boundaries of the Diocese of Hawai‘i to include Guam and Saipan, which currently comprise the Episcopal Church in Micronesia, and the extinguishment of the separate entity known as the Episcopal Church in Micronesia."

This resolution continues the process of incorporating the church on Guam into the Diocese.