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3 Resolutions Adopted September 30,  
4 2021, by the Standing Committee  
5 of the  
6 Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
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8 Explanation:

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10 Our beloved Bishop of the Diocese, The Right Reverend Prince G. Singh,  
11 gave notice on September 16, 2021, that effective February 2, 2022, he will  
12 resign as the Bishop Diocesan, leaving a vacancy in that office.

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14 In the absence of a Bishop, the Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical  
15 authority of the Diocese.

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17 The Standing Committee believes that the Diocese can best be served with a  
18 bishop in place to manage staff, day-to-day operations, and meet the pastoral,  
19 liturgical and other needs that can be served only by a bishop.

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21 TEC Canon III.13.1 provides that "A Diocese without a Bishop may, by an act  
22 of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed  
23 under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of another Diocese or  
24 of a resigned Bishop, who shall by that act be authorized to exercise all the  
25 duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese until a Bishop is elected and  
26 ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked."

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28 The Standing Committee has consulted with the Office of the Presiding Bishop,  
29 through the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, TEC Bishop of the Office of Pastoral  
30 Development, who oversees and assists with the selection of TEC bishops.  
31 The Standing Committee has received his guidance and counsel regarding  
32 bishop transitions and the role and selection of a Bishop Provisional, including  
33 specific advice with respect to our Diocese.

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35 The Standing Committee has identified, performed due diligence, contacted,  
36 and selected a qualified candidate with unique experience to serve as Bishop  
37 Provisional for our Diocese. This candidate understands both our Diocese and  
38 the role and duties of a bishop. He served in the role of Canon to the Ordinary  
39 in our Diocese under Bishop McKelvey and now is the retired Bishop of the  
40 Diocese of Maine. He currently resides in Monroe County. The function of the  
41 Bishop Provisional will be to lead the Diocese while the Diocese proceeds  
42 with the process to call a Bishop Diocesan.

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48 NOW, THEREFORE, the Standing Committee hereby approves and proposes  
49 the following resolutions for adoption by the Diocesan Convention at its  
50 October 30, 2021, annual convention:

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52 RESOLVED, that at this 90th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese  
53 of Rochester held on October 30, 2021, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
54 hereby elects The Right Reverend Stephen Lane to serve as Bishop  
55 Provisional, to exercise all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese,  
56 effective as of February 3, 2022, until the end of the period of discernment,  
57 search, election, and consecration of a new Bishop Diocesan or until this act  
58 of the Convention is revoked; and be it

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60 FURTHERRESOLVED, that the Standing Committee on terms and conditions  
61 acceptable to it, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, Trustees and  
62 Chancellor, negotiate a mutually agreeable Letter of Agreement with Bishop  
63 Lane for the period of his service with the Diocese, such Letter of Agreement  
64 to be executed on behalf of the Diocese by the President of the Standing  
65 Committee; and be it

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67 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Diocese, including  
68 but not limited to the President of the Standing Committee, are hereby  
69 authorized to take any and all actions necessary and/or appropriate in order  
70 to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.