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Dissolution of St. Stephen’s, Rochester, as a Church
Proposer: Diocesan Council (Rule of Order 21 (a))

Resolved, that this 92nd convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, meeting via electronic conferencing, on October 28, 2023, upon the receipt of the recommendation of a majority of the members of the Diocesan Council, meeting in regular session on June 20, 2023, and in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Rochester, declares that the Parish known as **St. Stephen’s, Rochester, New York** is dissolved, that its vestry be dissolved and that its assets be dedicated in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Explanation:

For the past several years, St. Stephen’s has experienced a significant decline in attendance, pledges, and membership. The Vestry, having determined that in light of the age of the current membership, small size of the congregation and financial requirements of the Parish, that they no longer have the necessary resources to continue as a church community, voted to close the parish at their Vestry Meeting on January 29th, 2023, with a target close date of June 1st, 2023.