

**E-1****Dissolution of St John's, Sodus, as a Church Proposer: Diocesan Council**

2 **Resolved**, that this 92<sup>nd</sup> convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester,  
3 meeting via electronic conferencing, on October 28, 2023, upon the receipt of the  
4 recommendation of a majority of the members of the Diocesan Council, meeting  
5 in regular session on September 19, 2023, and in accordance with the Canons of  
6 the Diocese of Rochester, declares that the Parish known as **St John's Episcopal**  
7 **Church, Sodus, New York** is dissolved, that its vestry be dissolved and that its  
8 assets be dedicated in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

**9 Explanation:**

10 St John's, Sodus, has experienced declining membership and income over several  
11 years so that St John's can no longer afford a rector or field a full Vestry. It has  
12 vital and important ministries to the Sodus community. After a year of  
13 discernment, and with the permission of the Bishop Provisional, St John's is  
14 requesting that the parish corporation be dissolved and that it be reestablished as  
15 a mission of the diocese. This will permit St John's to establish an Executive  
16 Committee and to work with an appointed Priest-in-Charge. Property and assets  
17 will be overseen by the Trustees of the Diocese.