

RESOLUTION #3

Re: Admission of Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church into Union
with The Episcopal Diocese of Maine
Submitted By: The Standing Committee
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1 **RESOLVED**, that since January 1, 2001, The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) and the
2 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (“ELCA”) have been in full communion
3 under the terms of Called to Common Mission, and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that St. Mark’s Episcopal Church of Augusta, Maine, acting with the
5 approval of the Diocese of Maine, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of
6 Augusta, Maine, acting with the approval of the New England Synod of ELCA,
7 have entered into an Agreement For A Federated - Interdenominational
8 Congregation (“Agreement”), whereby they have formed a single congregation
9 to be known as Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church in Augusta, Maine, and 10
 be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that under the Agreement the federated congregation of Emmanuel
12 Lutheran Episcopal Church will be subject to the jurisdiction of both the Bishop
13 of the Diocese of Maine and the New England Synod, and the congregation has
14 agreed to the expressions of Christian faith contained in the Book of Common
15 Prayer of TEC, in the Constitution of ELCA, and in the Doctrine of Faith in
16 Called to Common Prayer, and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church in Augusta, Maine, be,
18 and hereby is, admitted into union with the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese
19 of Maine.

EXPLANATION

The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been in full communion since 2001. In the spirit of this communion the people of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, both of Augusta, have been co-worshipping for several years. Now, acting with the support and encouragement of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and the Bishop and the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the two churches have entered into an Agreement to form the federated congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church in Augusta. All necessary actions have been taken and approvals received. This resolution will bring the new federated congregation into union with the Diocese of Maine.