

A Resolution for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire on the Authority of Holy Scripture

Explanation:

Holy Scripture demands and Christian history has traditionally held, that the standard of life, belief, doctrine, salvation and moral conduct is the Holy Scripture; and to depart from Apostolic Teaching is to depart from Holy Scripture. The Lambeth Conference of 1998 reaffirmed the following:

“This Conference, recognizing the need in our Communion for fuller agreement on how to interpret and apply the message of the Bible in a world of rapid change and widespread cultural interaction,

- (a) reaffirms the primary authority of the Scriptures, according to their testimony and supported by our own historic formularies;
- (b) urges that the Biblical text should be handled respectfully, coherently, and consistently, building upon our best traditions and scholarship believing that the Scriptural revelation must continue to illuminate, challenge and transform cultures, structures, and ways of thinking, especially those that predominate today.”

Be it RESOLVED that we, the Members, Vestry, Delegates and Clergy, express our full confidence in the authority of Holy Scripture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will not consider it expedient or necessary to comply or act upon any resolution or direction that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures as have been received by Christ's One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all such actions and teaching that are opposed to, or contrary to, Holy Scripture shall not be binding on any member of this congregation.