

Resolution #2: Dissolution of the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall,

Resolved: That the mission congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, Missouri, is hereby dissolved, and be it further

Resolved: That this convention express its thanks to David and Disa Farris, and Michele Hennessy for their faithfulness and service to Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall to the end.

Proposer: The Very Rev. William Fasel

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Explanation: Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, Missouri was founded in 1872. It has since remained a mission congregation of our diocese until now. Trinity entered into a decline starting in the late 1980's, from which it never recovered. When its matriarch, Jean Klein Horman, passed away in December of 2010, the active membership of Trinity subsequently shrank to just three members. It was obvious at that point that the church could no longer continue as an organized congregation of our diocese. Trinity Episcopal Preschool closed at the end of the academic year in June 2011, and Trinity's last Sunday worship service was two weeks later, on Trinity Sunday. The Diocese of West Missouri, through the Northeast Episcopal Regional Ministry, hopes to continue ministry in Marshall on an informal basis.

The Bishop and Standing Committee have given consent to the sale of the Marshall property "in the best interests of the Diocese."