The Committee on Incorporation is a committee of an equal number of clerical and lay members, appointed by the Bishop, whose mission is to review and certify proposed articles of incorporation submitted by a new parish desiring to be admitted into union with the Convention. We seek to be a resource to parishes in matters relating to formation and structure, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. We work to assist parishes in amending articles of incorporation and bylaws to update their status in the Diocese as to name, location, and/or parish structure.

Since the last Convention, we have worked with several parishes. Two new parishes will be seeking union with the Convention in 2014: Resurrection Rockdale, a parish resulting from the merger of St. James Aston, and Calvary Rockdale, in Glen Riddle, PA; and The Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica, Philadelphia, PA, a parish moving from mission status to full parish standing. We have reviewed the formation documents of both churches, and approved and certified the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of each. Both Resurrection Rockdale and the Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica have submitted their applications for admission into union with the Convention, together with the certification of the Committee on Incorporation, to the Bishop and Standing Committee, who have each provided certification of their approval of the application. As a result, the Committee on Incorporation submits the following resolutions for approval by this Convention:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, ROCKDALE, AND TO ADMIT THE PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS CONVENTION

Resolved: That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania approve the Articles of Incorporation of Resurrection, Rockdale, in Glen Riddle, PA, as the parish resulting from the merger of St. James Aston and Calvary Church, Rockdale, and admit the new parish into union with this Convention.

EXPLANATION:

Resurrection, Rockdale has applied for admission as a parish in union with the Convention of the Diocese, in accordance with Canon 12 and Canon 1.3.1 of the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In accordance with the Canons, the Committee on Incorporation has reviewed the Articles of Incorporation of Resurrection, Rockdale, and has certified that they conform with the requirements of Article IV, Sec. 2 of the Constitution, and are in compliance with the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The Standing Committee and the Bishop have consented and certified to the formation of this new parish; and the application together with the approvals and certifications required by Canons 1.3.1 and 12 of the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have been reported to this Convention, together with a report on
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. MONICA, PHILADELPHIA, PA AND TO ADMIT THE PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS CONVENTION

Resolved: That the 231st Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania approve the Articles of Incorporation of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica, Philadelphia, PA, and admit the parish into union with this Convention.

Explanation:
The Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica has applied for admission as a parish in union with the Convention of the Diocese, in accordance with Canon 12 and Canon 1.3.1 of the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In accordance with the Canons, the Committee on Incorporation has reviewed and approved the Articles of Incorporation of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica, Philadelphia, and has certified that they conform with the requirements of Article IV, Sec. 2 of the Constitution, and are in compliance with the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The Standing Committee and the Bishop have consented and certified to the formation of this new parish; and the application together with the approvals and certifications required by Canons 1.3.1 and 12 of the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have been reported to this Convention, together with a report on matters coming before the Bishop, the Standing Committee and the Committee on Incorporation in this connection. Accordingly, all requirements of the Canons have been met, in preparation for this vote.

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica has been a merged parish since 1965, but for the most part, they have maintained their status as a mission. In the last 49 years, they have grown in numbers, built a framework of financial and physical stability, and worked long and hard to reach this tremendous milestone in their collective life. They should be congratulated for their commitment to becoming a strong, stand-alone parish in union with the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Incorporation
By: The Rev. Canon Lucy S. L. Amerman, Chair