

**A RESOLUTION FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE
OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES**

WHEREAS Title II, Canon V, Section 5 of the Canons of the Diocese of the Central States (“the Diocese”) currently requires that the annual report prepared by parish treasurers in advance of the annual meeting “be audited by a committee of two or more, of whom one shall not have been a member of the Vestry for the year preceding”;

WHEREAS an audit is typically the most comprehensive type of assurance service, requires an accountant to express an opinion on an organization’s financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, and can be very costly;

WHEREAS Canon 44, Section 3 of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church requires only that an accountant (or bookkeeper in certain circumstances) annually verify the accounts of all church organizations, including but not limited to Parishes, Missions, or other entities of the Church;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States approve the amendment of Title II, Canon V, Section 5 of the Canons of the Diocese to read in part as follows:

Section 5. At the annual Parish Meeting The Treasurer of the Parish and the treasurers of all Parish organizations, shall present itemized reports, ~~present~~ receipts, and vouchers. Such Treasurer’s reports shall be ~~audited~~ verified in accordance with Canon 44 of the Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and reviewed by a committee of two or more, of whom one shall not have been a member of the Vestry for the year preceding.

This resolution, having been presented and discussed during the meeting of the Synod of the Diocese, was [unanimously] adopted as presented [except as noted below] on [Date of Adoption] in Mason, Ohio:

Presiding Officer of the Synod: [Signature]

Date: [Date]

Secretary of the Synod: [Signature]

Date: [Date]