

## Resolution of Province III Executive Board Adopted April 5, 2008

### **Whereas:**

At the 2006 Triennial meeting in Orlando, Florida, the Daughters meeting in plenary session voted to grant full participation in the Order, with voice, vote and board membership, to chapters in Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches;

Those churches, like the Episcopal Church, USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion, are members of the historic episcopate, governed by an unbroken line of bishops linked by the laying on of hands to Peter;

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded in 1885 not as an exclusively Episcopal Order;

The Triennial decision was made in witness of our belief in the unity of the Church universal and in a spirit of fellowship with our Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic sisters, as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ prayed for all believers in the Gospel of John chapter 17;

The Triennial decision has been challenged on substantive and procedural grounds, and the dissension stemming from the vote has been a source of discord within the Order, causing a distraction from our mission of prayer, service and evangelism, and creating unnecessary financial burdens;

A number of Daughters apparently have ceased to support the National Council of the Order and formed a parallel organization composed exclusively of Daughters within the Episcopal Church, USA, and have announced plans to seek rescission of the 2006 Triennial vote at the 2009 Triennial:

**Resolved:**

Province III affirms its enthusiastic support for the Triennial 2006 decision and calls for an end to efforts to rescind it and/or to establish an exclusively ECUSA parallel organization.

Province III welcomes Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Daughters to full membership with open doors and open arms.

Province III calls all Daughters in the Province to:

- Demonstrate support for the Triennial 2006 decision in prayer, word and deed;
- Make intentional efforts, including acts of self-denial, to attend Triennial 2009;
- Assist at least one delegate and one alternate from each chapter to attend if a Daughter's own attendance is not possible; and
- Work for the restoration of a just peace within the Order.