**RESOLUTION 4**

**Motion to revise Canon 8**

**Rationale for this Motion**

In both the Constitution of the Diocese (Article 2.12) and in the Rules of Order (2.3 and 9.9) the required super-majority is two-thirds. The proposed motion brings Canon 8 in conformity to the Constitution and the Rules of Order by replacing a 75% super-majority with a two-thirds super-majority.

This motion is brought forward at the request of and on behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

**Motion**

MOVED: The Ven. Richard Leggett

SECONDED: Mr Donald Paul, ODNW

(on behalf of Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons)

THAT Canons 8.6 and 8.14 be revised to change the super majority requirements of those Canons from a three-quarters to a two-thirds majority so that they will now read as follows (***emphasis added to the proposed changes***):

“8.6 The Bishop may initiate the merger of Parishes, whether incorporated or not, in either of the following cases:

(a) The Parishes have voted to merge by a ***two-thirds*** majority of those attending their respective Vestry Meetings specially called on 14 days’ notice for the purpose, or,

(b) The Diocesan Council shall have voted ***at two consecutive meetings by a two-thirds majority of those attending*** to merge the Parishes.”

“8.14 The Bishop may initiate the process of closing a Parish in the following cases:

(a) The Parish has voted by a ***two-thirds*** majority of those attending a Vestry Meeting specially called on 21 days’ notice for that purpose, to request closure, or,

(b) The Diocesan Council has voted ***at two meetings by a two-thirds majority of those attending*** to close the Parish.”