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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2006 our Vestry wrote a letter to our congregation addressing the political and theological challenges that the national Episcopal Church was facing. This letter is relevant to us as we seek to make it clear to all who we are, what we believe and how we continue to stand for the truth of God's Word. That letter is also found on our website.

Unfortunately, much of what we faced in 2006 continues to be present in 2010. If anything, things have gotten worse. The national Episcopal Church's leadership has chosen to walk apart from the millions of Bible-believing Anglicans around the world. In the spirit of so-called "diversity, inclusivity, and tolerance" two thousand years of tradition and orthodox Biblical understanding on the issues of sexuality, the exclusive claims of Jesus and the understanding of sin have been "re-interpreted." Fortunately, the world-wide Anglican Communion of which we are part, has asked the Episcopal Church to stop doing what it has been doing and return to biblical truth.

This is not the first time in the history of the Church that biblical truth has been challenged. Indeed, it is at times like this that the Church can deepen its witness to the world, its members, and the institutional leadership. That has been our choice and it continues to be.

There have been some in the Episcopal Church that have found the struggle not worth the fight. These men and women have left the Episcopal Church to find a place where such struggles seemed to be muted. For many of these people, the struggle actually has not gone away, the can has just been kicked down the road a bit, and it awaits another time and perhaps for another generation. I feel both humbled and honored that God has called us forth in this generation to stand for the truth of His Word. With his help, we will continue to stand on the faith that was handed to us, going all the way back to the first apostles. With his help, we will pass that same faith, without any innovations, to the next generation. With his help, we will continue to reach out into the world, seeking the lost in order to make them the found. With his help, we will not compromise but join that great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages who refused to quit. If we must, let us enter the Lion's den singing praises to our God, who has called us worthy to suffer for his cause.

Paul reminds us in his letter to the church in Ephesus that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (6:12). We continue to be called to stand against these innovations that have found their way into the institution. As from the beginning of our life as a congregation, we do not send any money to the national church. We never have and we will not until there is true repentance.

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We continue to be in an outstanding Diocese, served by an outstanding Bishop. Bishop Doyle has committed himself privately and publicly to the Anglican Communion. I ask your prayers for him as he seeks to provide effective and transformative leadership to this strong Diocese.

The Vestry of Church of the Holy Apostles has unanimously signed on to the Anglican Covenant, which connects us with the million of Bible-believing Anglicans around the world. I am a member of the Communion Partners, which aligns me with similar minded clergy around the country in the Episcopal Church. These actions have been taken in order to make it known to both our members and our guests who we are and what we believe. You will find a copy of the resolution on our website.

We live in challenging times. God continues to call us forth to stand for the truth of His Word. God has honored us to be alive during these times. We will continue to seek His guidance and direction.

I am honored to be your Rector.

In the truth of His Word,
Darrel Proffitt

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A Resolution of the Vestry of Church of the Holy Apostles, Katy, Texas.

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The Church of the Holy Apostles, a member of the Diocese of Texas, the Episcopal Church in the United States and the world-wide Anglican Communion, recognizes the challenges facing the Episcopal Church in matters of biblical authority, sexuality and the historic understanding of orthodox theology. Because of these challenges and possible misunderstandings about where we stand, the Vestry of Church of the Holy Apostles has unanimously passed the following resolution and have agreed to sign, with other orthodox congregations in the Diocese of Texas, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, the document know as the *Anglican Communion Covenant*. This Covenant makes it clear that we stand with others in the Anglican Communion who believe in the truth the Church has proclaimed for over two thousand years. This includes the biblical understanding of sexuality, the exclusive claims of Jesus and the understanding of sin.

The Vestry of Church of the Holy Apostles, Katy is a constituent member of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Anglican Communion. We unanimously affirm, endorse and support all four parts of the Anglican Covenant and continue to be committed to the principles of the Windsor Report and the parameters of Lambeth Resolution 1.10. We will continue to work in cooperation with our Bishop, The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle, who has expressed his own support for the Anglican Covenant, to strive within the parameters of the Covenant, and our common commitment to Jesus Christ, for unity within our congregation, Diocese, the Communion and the one, holy, apostolic and catholic Church.

It is with joy and with firm resolve, we declare our Church to be partakers in this Anglican Communion Covenant, offering ourselves for fruitful service and binding ourselves more closely in the truth and love of Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory for ever. Amen.

The Vestry of Church of the Holy Apostles

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