

Financial Gain from Pastoral Relationships

From the Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles

Resolution to Establish Policy on Personal Financial Gain from Pastoral Relationships

(Adopted by the 1997 General Convention of the Episcopal Church and the 1998 Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles)

Resolved, That the policy of the Episcopal Church is to discourage its leaders, whether clergy or lay, from using pastoral or other relationships of trust developed in the context of the exercise of their responsibilities for personal financial gain; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the policy of this Church that any major bequest or gift arising in the context of such a relationship ought to be renounced or transferred and dedicated to an appropriate religious or charitable use; and be it further

Resolved, That the dioceses of this Church be encouraged to adopt policies consonant with those set forth in this resolution that are enforceable within their jurisdictions.