

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: #1

RESOLUTION: FOLLOWING MOTHER EMANUEL'S EXAMPLE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

RESOLVED, that The Episcopal Church of South Carolina, meeting in convention on November 14, 2015,

1. urges all member congregations within The Episcopal Church in South Carolina to continue to pray for the families of Mother Emanuel who have lost their family members in this tragic event;
2. urges all member congregations to provide all possible logistical and spiritual support to Mother Emanuel as it heals;
3. urges all member congregations to work within their communities to seek opportunities for ending the scourge of racism that affects our culture; and
4. urges all member congregations to follow the example of Christ and of Mother Emanuel through lives of love and forgiveness.

Explanation:

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, with the rest of the nation, was shaken by the tragic deaths of nine members of the Emanuel African **Methodist** Episcopal Church of Charleston on June 17, 2015. It has been credibly asserted that the **murder** of the church members, all of whom were African Americans, **was** perpetrated by a person desiring to instigate conflict based on race.

The family members of those murdered on that day of sadness openly and lovingly forgave the person **who confessed to** the crime. Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, known lovingly as "Mother Emanuel," by opening its doors and its hearts to all **people**, has been a living guide to the trust in God that all Christians who wish to walk in Jesus' footsteps would follow. Through this tragedy, we are learning of the brotherhood and sisterhood of all peoples, regardless of race, faith or other human condition.

Mover: The Rev. Rick Lindsey, convener, Southern Deanery of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina