

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED, that The Episcopal Church in South Carolina commit itself to ongoing training, community dialogue, internal examination, and seek to establish partnerships with other churches and institutions to strive for racial justice and reconciliation by reforming patterns of racial prejudice and injustice wherever they are found; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the planning for this work be entrusted to the Diocesan Council to develop and promote plans and programs for achieving racial justice and reconciliation for this diocese and all communities in it; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Diocesan Council regularly report to this Convention and other elected governing bodies of this diocese on the plans it has developed and implemented to achieve and enhance racial justice and reconciliation, and to make recommendations for future plans and programs for these purposes.

Explanation:

Many recent events in our country, including the tragic murders at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, have exposed our nation's need to continue to struggle to achieve racial justice and reconciliation.

It has become apparent that the social tension between races has highlighted the ongoing need for immediate and enhanced self-examination, reflection, and action by all Christian bodies to promote reconciliation by and between all people.

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, at its meeting in 2015 at Salt Lake City, adopted Resolution A182 that urges all dioceses of our Church to employ education, community dialogue, internal examination, and partnerships with other churches and institutions to respond to all forms of racial injustice, and to implement programs to achieve these goals. And, our Presiding Bishop has called us to engage in a fight for racial reconciliation. This resolution is for the purpose of establishing a way for our Diocese to respond to this call.

Mover: Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina