

Resolution – The Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation

Resolved: THAT this 119th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon ratifies Resolution D046 (*Jamestown Covenant-Topic: Reconciliation*) of the 75th General Convention. DO46 designates 2007 to 2017 as the Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation. The substance of DO46 is renewal of the commitment of the Church to fully recognize and welcome Native Peoples into congregational life and to enter into a special intentionality towards developing an outreach partnership among Indigenous People.

EXPLANATION

Two thousand seven marks the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown colony, the first permanent English settlement on these shores, which was chartered with King James' stipulation that the Gospel be shared with Indigenous People of the "new" world. Every domestic diocese of ECUSA, according to the U.S. Bureau of Census, has within its boundaries residents who are bona fide though often invisible, frequently unchurched, American Indians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The spirit of this resolution can be honored without modifying the proposed budget.

IMPLICATIONS:

Passage of this resolution will be an encouragement to the Native Peoples of our region and a powerful bridge-builder to the indigenous tribes of Western Oregon. More information is available at the Indycom table and at the Saturday "Facts & Artifacts" Workshop.

SUBMITTED BY: The Diocese of Oregon Commission to End Racism, The Diocese of Oregon Hispanic Commission, and the East-Metro Convocation

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