

2017 Resolution I: Urging Support for Universal Health Care in Oregon

RESOLVED that the 129th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon (the “Convention”) endorses and urges passage of a state law, through either the legislative or the initiative process, to establish a universal health care system that would provide health care coverage for all people working or residing in Oregon (“Universal Health Care”); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Convention directs the Board of Trustees to cause the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon to join the organization Health Care for All Oregon as a member, with the cost of membership being paid by and through the budget allocated to the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Convention directs the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness to create a task force (the “Health Care Task Force”) comprised of congregational members throughout the Diocese with appropriate skills, knowledge, experience, and interest in the health care and health insurance fields to:

- study, provide review and input of, and advocate for the passage of legislative and initiative proposals to create Universal Health Care in Oregon;
- educate and receive feedback from the people and congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon on the development and passage of Universal Health Care in Oregon and all issues reasonably related thereto; and,
- report back to the conventions of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon on its work annually until Universal Health Care is passed; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Convention urges all congregations together in community to devote appropriate resources and time for our adult members to study Universal Health Care and the issues related to adopting Universal Health Care in Oregon and to become members of the organization Health Care for all Oregon.

Co-sponsors: The Commission on Poverty & Homelessness of the Diocese of Oregon, Central, Southern and Metro East Convocations, and Good Samaritan and St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Churches.

Action of Convention: ADOPTED AS AMENDED