



Resolution Supporting The Episcopal Church’s Truth Telling about Indigenous Boarding Schools

Whereas, the Eightieth General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting from July 8-11 in Baltimore, Maryland, unanimously approved resolution A127 “Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church’s History with Indigenous Boarding Schools” (<https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/200?house=HD&lang=en>); and

Whereas, resolves 7 and 8 of resolution A127 state:

Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church will be strongly encouraged to, before the 81st General Convention, begin an audit of the relationship, financial or otherwise, between the federal government, the diocese and/or its subsidiary entities, its churches, and any Episcopal or non-Episcopal missionary societies with respect to any Indigenous residential boarding school operated within the territorial jurisdiction of that diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the dioceses of The Episcopal Church will be strongly encouraged to, before the 81st General Convention, begin to gather information from boarding school survivors and their descendants about the experiences of Indigenous children and families in Episcopal run and/or supported residential boarding schools within the territorial jurisdiction of that diocese; and

Be it therefore resolved, that the Convention of the Diocese of Alaska direct the Standing Committee to put together a plan and budget to support the work identified in the above resolves here in Alaska to include at a minimum research into archives of the diocese, the various congregations of this diocese, and the State of Alaska; and

Be it further resolved, that this plan be reported in time for the 2023 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska; and

Be it further resolved, that the funding identified in this plan be included in the budget to be presented to the 2023 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska; and

Be it further resolved, that congregations are strongly urged to assist diocesan bodies in identifying boarding school survivors and their descendants in Alaska whether or not they are members of any congregation and gently encouraging them to share their stories; and

Be it further resolved, that the congregations of this diocese are urged to include a prayer for survivors and their descendants during their intercessory prayers on the Sunday closest to Indigenous Peoples’ Day, which is October 9th this year.

Respectfully submitted by,

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