

Resolution #2025-01

Resolution to further the work of the Episcopal Boarding School Commission by supporting the work of the future Diocesan Truth-Telling and Reconciliation Commission in Alaska.

Whereas, the Episcopal Church in Alaska recognizes the colonial policies and practices against Alaska Native peoples in the past that have led to intergenerational trauma, and is committed to rectifying them,

Whereas, Alaska Native language, culture, values and spirituality were and are suppressed by colonialism,

Whereas, Alaska Native children were taken from their families and placed in government and church run missions and boarding schools that further suppressed the language, culture, values and spirituality of Alaska Natives,

Whereas, these and other colonialist practices and policies have resulted in ongoing, intergenerational trauma for Alaska Native peoples,

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska is now fully recognizing the depth of The Episcopal Church's complicity in this trauma through the work of The Episcopal Boarding School Commission,

Whereas, our Baptismal Covenant calls us to personal accountability as we strive for justice and peace among all people and respect for the dignity of every human being,

Whereas, resources such as Walking in Beauty—Roots and Wings have provided the opportunity for Alaska Native people to share stories acknowledging the grief and loss caused by colonialism in loving, supportive, and confidential settings,

Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention applauds the work of Alaska Native leaders and communities around the state, and encourages the future diocesan truth-telling and reconciliation commission to follow the lead of our Native communities in determining when and how to best serve them.

And be it resolved, that this Convention encourages all congregations in the Diocese of Alaska to support and further the work of reckoning and repair.