

Resolution # 2025-02

Resolution to support and expand the work of truth-telling and reconciliation in the Diocese of Alaska.

Whereas, we proclaim a crucified Christ, a God of creation, and a Spirit of mutuality who work consistently for the liberation of all peoples and who remind us that our healing is inextricably bound up in the healing of one another,

Whereas, historically, Native American and Alaska Native communities have had their sovereign right to self-determination suppressed and rejected in favor of non-native peoples, organizations, and religions,

Whereas, the work of organizations such as Walking in Beauty—Roots and Wings have provided opportunities for Alaska Native women to begin healing from the trauma caused by colonialism,

Whereas, ministries such as Dancing in the Spirit continue to offer opportunities for Alaska Native youth to engage with their cultures and languages through music and dancing,

Whereas, Alaska Native men also benefit from healing spaces and support groups such as talking circles, but may not have them available in their communities,

Whereas, Walking in Beauty—Roots and Wings and similar organizations have found themselves in a position where new leaders are needed if these programs are to continue,

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the Alaska Diocese, in convention, uplift the importance of these communities as healing spaces, and give thanks to the leadership who have begun this difficult journey and the leadership who continue this work.

Be it further resolved, that all members of our Alaska Diocese enter into discernment about how their Episcopal communities can strengthen their relationships with their surrounding villages and tribal communities by promoting, hosting, and supporting healing groups and cultural programs for all Alaska Native people, and by considering whether they might be able to step into leadership roles to continue this important work.

Be it further resolved, that we, as the Alaska Diocese, will continue to devote ourselves to upholding these powerful community spaces in prayer, in financial accompaniment, in joyous celebration and through amplifying the stories that these organizations highlight.

And be it further resolved, that we commit to following the direction and will of Native leadership and those leaders who have blazed the trail before us as we strive to walk as neighbors, cousins and siblings.