

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2020

In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: Land Acknowledgment

- 1 RESOLVED: That this Convention strongly urges all congregations in the Diocese of Utah to
- 2 regularly acknowledge the Native people upon whose land they reside and to recognize the damage
- 3 inflicted upon these people by the Doctrine of Discovery. This Convention realizes that assistance
- 4 may need to be offered to the congregations in doing this.

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Date: Feb. 21, 2020 Moved by The Rev. Michael Carney and Mr. Forrest Cuch

Congregation/Organization: St. Elizabeth's, Whiterocks

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EXPLANATION: All of us reside on Indian land, a fact which we know but often don't actively consider. The Doctrine of Discovery, proclaimed by churches for hundreds of years and recently repudiated by the Episcopal Church, legitimized European nations claiming lands and subjugating Native people in the Western hemisphere. This resolution urges our Episcopal congregations to join with many other organizations in being more intentional about honoring the Native people indigenous to the places where we live. Regular repetition of this practice can raise awareness and encourage people to ask questions about ways they can respond.

Mr. Forrest Cuch, a member of the Ute Indian Tribe, historian and former Director of Indian Affairs for the State of Utah, is willing to provide assistance to congregations in identifying the Native people of their location and finding wording to acknowledging them. The simplest form of land acknowledgment used by St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks is "St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church occupies and operates upon the ancestral and traditional lands of the Ute Indian Tribe."

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact