

## **R-87-02: A resolution on a Diocesan AIDS Task Force**

*Resolved*, that the 113th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, in response to the tragic human suffering, loss of life, unjustified discrimination, estrangement and fear that have occurred as a result of the AIDS epidemic, reaffirm its love and compassion for all who are affected by AIDS in any way, and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention direct the Diocesan Task Force on AIDS to continue its work and expand its scope, and that the Task Force be supported with a budget of \$10,000 allocated from the Human Affairs and Concerns Commission 1988 budget, and that this Convention endorse the purpose statement of the Task Force, which reads as follows:

The general purpose of the Diocese of Southern Ohio Task Force on AIDS is to facilitate the public commitment of the Episcopal Church of Southern Ohio to a Christian ministry on AIDS. We agree that a Christian Ministry to persons with AIDS/ARC (AIDS related complex) needs no explanation; however a lack of one would.

And be it further

*Resolved*, that this Convention support the goals of the Task Force, which are as follows:

- 1) To encourage, implement and support education and awareness of AIDS in Southern Ohio.
- 2) To cooperate with and support public and private agencies currently working with AIDS.
- 3) To secure the commitment of Episcopal facilities to caring for persons with AIDS/ARC.
- 4) To report in writing to the 1988 Convention on the Task Force's work and also on AIDS Ministries within the Diocese.