

R14-01: Prayer Support for Those Affected by the Ebola Crisis in West Africa

Whereas, we are members of a global community of brothers and sisters, and the prediction of the loss of an untold number of deaths from the deadly Ebola virus is becoming a reality, and threats to the lives and health of our brothers and sisters in West Africa, specifically those in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, are also threats to us, and

Whereas, as Christians, one of our strongest talents is fervent prayer, and we believe in the power of prayer to transform the world and fulfill God's wish for us for health and wellbeing; *therefore be it*

Resolved, that all congregations, offices and meetings in the Diocese of Southern Ohio include a prayerful petition for the elimination of the epidemic of Ebola and protection for all those who are in danger because of the epidemic, including victims, families, health care workers, and those ignorant of the causes and prevention of transmission of the virus. This prayerful petition will be offered at meetings, church services and in personal daily prayers for the duration of the epidemic; *and be it further*

Resolved, that when the epidemic is eradicated, as documented by the World Health Organization's announcement, that prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for those who have been affected by the epidemic be offered.