

R2012-02: Partnering with Model Prison Ministry

Resolved, that the 138th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio embrace the Biblical call to care for those who are imprisoned and commit to a system of justice that seeks to provide prisoners with assistance before and after their release, including alternatives to prison where appropriate. These programs include offering offenders the chance to learn job skills and complete education so that they are able to support themselves and their families and contribute in valued ways to society; *and be it further*

Resolved, that the Diocese of Southern Ohio, its congregations and members of the diocese commit to support Kindway EMBARK as a model prisoner re-entry program by engaging in partnership through prayer, volunteer involvement and financial assistance, and particularly to participate in the mentoring program, the Navigators; *and be if further*

Resolved, that the Diocese of Southern Ohio give recognition and express gratitude to the many parishes and members of the diocese who generously give their time, talent and effort to participate in programs that support rehabilitated and productive lives for prisoners and their families.