

## **R2013-02: A Renewed Commitment to Interreligious Relations**

**Whereas**, the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopted (and the 77th General Convention re-affirmed) a “Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations,” and with it encouraged dioceses, congregations and other organizations of The Episcopal Church to initiate dialogue with people of different religions in order that together we may grow in mutual understanding and make common cause in peacemaking, social justice and religious liberty; *therefore be it*

**Resolved** that the 139th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio affirms this theological statement and calls for a process merging Christian formation, corporate worship, community ministry and ecumenical/ interreligious sharing during the year of 2014 and leading toward the 78th General Convention in 2015, *and be it further*

**Resolved** that the Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Commission of the Diocese of Southern Ohio initiate a program of congregational and deanery-wide reflection on the theological statement and the companion resource, “Toward Our Mutual Flourishing” by Lucinda Allen Mosher (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 2012) commencing in the Season of Epiphany 2014 and explore hosting a state-wide gathering with the Diocese of Ohio in an effort to share resources and make new partnerships for interreligious = understanding and common service to the world, *and be it further*

**Resolved** that this convention urge our deputies to the 78th General Convention to seek ways to join with other diocesan deputations in reporting on the experiences of working with this theological statement and invite The Episcopal Church to a renewed commitment to interreligious relations, dialogue and partnerships of mutual respect and life-enhancing relationship with all God’s people.