

R2021-04: A Resolution for Continued Funding of the Beloved Community

WHEREAS, The Becoming Beloved Community is the body within which we promote the fruits of the spirit and grow to recognize our kinship as people who love God and love the image of God that we find in our neighbors, in ourselves, and in creation; *and*

WHEREAS, The Becoming Beloved Community provides a positive, theologically and biblically based ideal toward which we can grow in love; *and*

WHEREAS, The Becoming Beloved Community reminds us of our baptismal covenant which states that we will seek and serve Christ in all persons, and love our neighbors as ourselves and, that we will strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being; *and*

WHEREAS, The Becoming Beloved Community prays for communities that labor so that the flourishing of every person (and all creation) is seen as the hope of each; *and*

WHEREAS, The Becoming Beloved Community offers the return to the roots of our faith tradition to guide us as followers of Jesus in response to the suffering of the world during this pandemic of COVID, white supremacy, and increasing divisiveness; *and*

WHEREAS, The Beloved Community in the Diocese of Southern Ohio provides a deeply faithful paradigm for transformation, formation, organizing, advocacy and witness through its programs such as storytelling/sharing; dismantling racism; sacred conversations; justice circles; creation formation; energy efficient grant program; and others; *therefore be it*

RESOLVED, that the 147th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio reaffirm its support for the Becoming Beloved Community; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that this 147th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio direct the Secretary of this Convention to forward the following resolution to the Secretary of General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a duly authorized resolution from this Diocese, *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this 147th Convention be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Resolutions Committee of Province V for consideration by the Provincial Synod in 2022.

TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the House_____ concurring, that this 80th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance allocate \$2.0 million for the triennium for the continued implementation of additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to social and racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers of the implementation of this resolution, *and be it further*

RESOLVED, that such monies shall again be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses and other affiliated entities of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing issues of justice, healing, reconciliation, and better care of God's creation.