

R2025-01: Recommitting to Support of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals

Whereas, in response to General Convention Resolution 2015-A021 Conventions of the Diocese of Southern Ohio passed resolutions R2015-01 and R2019-02 and R2022-06, directing the diocese to continue support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a minimum of 0.7% of the diocesan budget to fund SDG mission grants for the calendar years 2017-2022 and 2024-2026; *and*

Whereas during those years the diocese has supported SDG grants to congregations that have built direct partnerships with faith-based initiatives and other not-for-profits advancing sustainable development throughout the world; *and*

Whereas the SDGs are having a significant impact on eradicating disease and poverty worldwide; *and*

Whereas Episcopalians' steadfast commitment to advancing the SDGs is more crucial than ever in embodying Jesus' call to action, now that the United States Government has cut its support of humanitarian foreign aid, *therefore, be it*

Resolved, that in consideration of Resolution B026 of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the 151st Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio direct the diocese to continue to support the SDGs at a minimum of 0.7% (a percentage of .007) of the diocesan budget through the end of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals program in 2030, calendar years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030; *and be it further*

Resolved, that SDG mission grants be used to fund world mission programs which address the SDGs and build long-term relationships among partners, with emphasis on leadership development and sustainability.