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**183rd Annual Convention
November 7, 2020**

Resolution 1: Diocesan Work on History of Complicity with White Supremacy

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, rooted in our Baptismal Vow to persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord, acknowledges and laments the sins of white supremacy and systemic racism that have divided, broken, and limited us in our mission of reconciling all people to God and each other through Jesus Christ and in becoming the Beloved Community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, as a first step toward reconciliation, commit to sharing, learning, and hearing the truths of the ways our members, congregations, and diocese have been historically complicit, through both commission and omission, in acts of prejudice, discrimination, racism, and systemic oppression that have specifically impacted and harmed Black and Brown persons, both within our own congregations and ministries, and also in our local communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis direct our Bishop to appoint the Indianapolis Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE), our diocesan historiographer, and, under the direction of the local chapter of UBE, a team of six (6) volunteer lay leaders, comprised of one leader from each diocesan neighborhood, to gather stories and examples of our historic complicity in acts of prejudice, discrimination, racism, and systemic oppression from our congregations, members, and community partners, and to examine the historical minutes and records of our congregations for such actions, along with relevant local and regional histories of such actions as they pertain to the Episcopal Church in this Diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis direct every congregation, Vestry, Bishop's Committee, Clergy-person-in-Charge, and Warden to aid the UBE in the collection of these stories of our church's historic complicity in prejudice, discrimination, racism, and systemic oppression from our church records, members, and local neighbors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis direct the UBE to present to the 184th Convention of this Diocese, and afterward to every congregation, a compilation of these stories in a video documentary presentation, an audio collection, and a digital collection, along with recommendations for next steps in reconciliation, healing, and equity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis makes a budget allocation of \$25,000 in 2021 for the implementation of this resolution to cover vendors and contractor costs, including, but not limited to, project management, videography and audio recording/production, website development, interviewing, and data collection, serving under the direction of the UBE.

Submitted by:

Diocese of Indianapolis Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians

Resolution 2: Congregational Anti-Racism Work

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis affirms that Black Lives Matter; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis decries every form and expression of racism and white supremacy, including those expressions by alt-right white supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan, Christian Identity Adherents, white nationalism, and Neo-Nazism, as antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis charge our clergy, lay leaders, congregations and ministries to denounce, repudiate, and actively work against white supremacy and every form of racial and ethnic hatred as evil and anathema to the vows of our Baptismal Covenant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis direct each congregation and diocesan ministry to report to the Secretary of the Diocese no later than August 31, 2021, the work that their congregation or ministry has done between November 2020 and August 2021 in dismantling systemic racism through storytelling, community listening, and engagement with civic organizations and partner religious institutions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis direct the Secretary of the Diocese to publish these reports in the preparatory materials for the 184th Convention of the Diocese of Indianapolis; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis directs each canonically resident, active deacon and priest to report to the Bishop in writing no later than August 31, 2021, the work they have personally undertaken within the past year to dismantle systemic racism through preaching, teaching, storytelling, community listening, and engagement with civic organizations and partner religious institutions.

Submitted by:

Diocese of Indianapolis Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians

Resolution 3: Recognize Project Home Indy as a Cooperating Ministry

RESOLVED, that the 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis affirm the request to designate Project Home Indy to be a Cooperating Ministry, with all privileges and obligations that such designation accords.

Proposed by Executive Council. This resolution is technically considered a resolution from the floor. Consideration of this resolution requires the consent of convention.

Explanation:

Project Home Indy (PHI) has been serving teen mothers and their children for nine years. When PHI was founded, Trinity Indianapolis generously worked with Project Home Indy's team to provide the home in which the organization's mothers and children currently reside. Project Home Indy continues to operate on the Trinity Indianapolis campus. Becoming a Cooperating Ministry would allow the organization to offer its employees quality health insurance and retirement benefits at an affordable cost.

Becoming a Cooperating Ministry requires the Bishop's confirmation that the ministry is congruent with the mission of the Diocese of Indianapolis, and approval of the Executive Council upon receipt of the organization's application. Bishop Jennifer has confirmed that Project Home Indy and the Diocese of Indianapolis share a common mission in standing with the vulnerable and the marginalized. Executive Council approved Project Home Indy's application to become a cooperating ministry at its October 24, 2020 meeting. The approval of Diocesan Convention is the final step to receive the Cooperating Ministry designation.