

Resolution # 24-3

A Resolution of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming Expressing Remorse for Harm Suffered by Indigenous Children at Wyoming Indigenous Boarding and Residential Schools and Committing to Fact-Finding

Resolved, that the 58th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming express remorse for the role The Episcopal Church played in the irreparable harm suffered by Indigenous children who attended Indigenous boarding and residential schools in the 1800s and 1900s, and acknowledge the effect that harm continues on in boarding school survivors and their descendants; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming acknowledge that at least three Indigenous boarding and residential schools operated within the territorial jurisdiction of the diocese in the late 1800's and early 1900's and that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming follow the directives in Resolution A127 of the 80th General Convention to continue to study the relationship, financial or otherwise, between the federal government and the diocese and its churches with respect to Indigenous residential boarding schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church in Wyoming continue to gather information from boarding school survivors and their descendants about the experiences of Indigenous children and families in residential boarding schools operated and/or supported by The Episcopal Church within the territorial jurisdiction of this diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the 58th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming affirm the use of official Episcopal Church in Wyoming publications that document, preserve and share the stories of Indigenous residential boarding school survivors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church in Wyoming acknowledge the intergenerational trauma caused by the Doctrine of Discovery, Manifest Destiny, colonialism, genocide and ethnocide through the operation of Indigenous boarding schools and other systems of white supremacy that have oppressed Indigenous peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church in Wyoming follow the lead of Indigenous communities and invest in community-based spiritual healing centers that will work to address the effect of intergenerational trauma by providing mental health and substance abuse counseling, traditional forms of healing, family counseling, and other services and support desired by local communities; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming direct the Equal Justice Initiative Task Force to oversee and implement the commitments made in this Resolution.

This resolution was prepared by the Rev. Canon Bobbe Fitzhugh on behalf of the 81st General Convention Deputation and is presented for approval by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming.

Approved as to Form:

Chancellor

Date