

**Resolution # 24-2**

**A Resolution of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming Committing to Truth-Telling and Listening to our Native American Siblings**

*Resolved*, that the 58<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming intentionally focus on the Truth-Telling and Listening process through respectful dialogue and active listening with our Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone communities; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the 58<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming affirm the ongoing archival and historic document research work being undertaken by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming to educate congregations, clergy and communities about our own history as well as the history of the Wind River Reservation, the process by which the reservation acquired its lands, the difficulties and successes our Native American siblings have had preserving their culture, their traditions and their land; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming continue to engage with the tribal governments of each tribe to build trust and respectful relationship and to lay a foundation for continued reconciliation and healing; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming invite its congregations to listen to the stories of the Indigenous peoples whose ancestral, territorial, and treaty homelands are now occupied by the churches and buildings of this diocese and to collaborate with those Indigenous peoples in the development of next steps based on that dialogue; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming direct the Diocesan Council to continue fostering conversations around the definition, understanding and implementation of reparations and other acts of racial reconciliation in the context of the diocese and its 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 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention Deputation and is presented for approval by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming.

Approved as to Form:

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Chancellor

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Date