

## **Resolution A: Establish Truth-telling Taskforce**

*Resolved*, that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the Board of Trustees to establish a fact-finding task force to begin an audit of the relationship, financial or otherwise, between our diocese, and the history of all Indigenous peoples on whose ancestral and territorial homelands its churches and buildings now occupy; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the audit include truth-telling about what happened within our diocese (and its territorial predecessors) and exploration of land acknowledgements; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this taskforce will report to the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real in 2023.

### *Explanation:*

The July 2022, General Convention of the Episcopal Church approved several resolutions that were a direct result of the churchwide taskforce on Truth-telling, Reckoning, and Healing. These resolutions are [A125 Extending and Furthering the Beloved Community](#) and [C027 Land Acknowledgement](#). Our resolution extends that work into our Diocese for us to begin our own healing process.

We recognize the work of becoming the Beloved Community is a long-term commitment directed toward dismantling racism. This dismantling is essential to our spiritual life, as we acknowledge, engage, and support the ongoing work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as one Body of Christ. With this work, we live into our Baptismal Covenant which asks “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? And, we respond with “I will with God’s help. ” In this way every Episcopalian strives toward the dismantling of white supremacy.

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