

RESOLUTION A: TRUTH-TELLING TASK FORCE

Resolved, that the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real request the Board of Trustees to extend the term of the Truth-Telling Task Force to continue to audit the relationship, financial and otherwise, of our diocese to the history of the Indigenous peoples on whose ancestral and territorial homelands the diocese's churches and buildings now occupy.

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

Resolved, that the Task Force report on its progress to the 44th Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real in 2024.

Explanation

At the end of May 2023, the Board of Trustees, in alignment with Resolution A from our 2022 Convention, established and chartered a Truth-Telling Task Force of ten initial members. The Task Force began its work in June and has been meeting every two weeks to begin its work. The early work of the Task Force has been to understand and update its charter and begin gathering historic information with a focus on the nineteenth century, a time before the creation of our current diocese. The Task Force has also been learning about the Indigenous peoples who have been or are currently living in our part of California. A preliminary report of the Task Force has been provided separately. The primary recommendation of the report is to continue the work of the Task Force for one or more years. The Report also provides an updated Task Force charter. As the audit continues, the Task Force expects to better understand the relationship our diocese currently has with Indigenous peoples. This resolution is specially targeted at our diocese's history with Indigenous peoples, but there is other work to do in the future with other groups.

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