

## Resolution 2025-1: Congratulations to the Congregation of La Sagrada Familia

The decades-long commitment and partnership between the Dioceses of East Carolina and North Carolina in support of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry has been a joyful and fruitful relationship.

The gifts and talents offered by volunteers, board members, and the farmworkers themselves, have provided services, programs, and spiritual support for the community of farmworkers, including the planting and sustaining of an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of East Carolina. Since 1996, the worshipping community that has become La Sagrada Familia has been nourished, supported, and grown by the farmworkers and their families and many others in the Diocese of East Carolina.

In 2025, La Sagrada Familia reached the milestone of building their own worship building. Considering this achievement, La Sagrada Familia can now assume responsibility for administering the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Sampson County as a parochial ministry.

Therefore, be it resolved, the 142nd Convention recognize and give thanks for decades-long commitment that the Diocese of East Carolina and the Diocese of North Carolina have shown in supporting the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry located in Sampson County. We offer our prayerful support to the Diocese of North Carolina as they develop a new branch of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry located in the bounds of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Resolved, we offer congratulations to the parish of La Sagrada Familia on the completion of their worship building and to their leadership in continuing the good work of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry as a ministry of the parish.

Resolved, we affirm our continued support, prayerful and financial, to the people of La Sagrada Familia, the farmworker community, and all our Spanish-speaking neighbors in Eastern North Carolina that we may continue to uphold our Baptismal vow to seek and support Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors, especially our neighbors who bring our food from the fields to our tables.

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