

RESOLUTION 2022-04

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MISSION PRIORITIES FOR THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Executive Council and Finance Committees of the Diocese expressed a desire for Mission Priorities to shape decision making and best use the resources God has given to us, leading to a discernment process on how we the Diocese of East Carolina feel called by God at this time;

WHEREAS, the discernment process launched with *Journey Through East Carolina* in November 2020, was followed by a time of study and prayer in the Easter season of 2021 that invited input regarding Mission Priorities from across the Diocese, and culminated in an Executive Council Retreat in June 2021, at which that abundant input was considered and prioritized;

WHEREAS, the first draft of proposed Mission Priorities was reviewed by the Executive Council and then the clergy of the Diocese in October 2021, the drafted Mission Priorities were then shared with the whole of the Diocese for additional reflection and feedback distilled into a final draft of proposed Mission Priorities, and this final draft was assessed at the Executive Council retreat in March 2022, after the rescheduling of the 139th Convention to June 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the people of the Diocese of East Carolina, gathered in Convention, adopt the attached expression of our Mission Priorities as a living document, open to reassessment and revision in new times of calling, to aid in the work of ministry and resource allocation.

Adopted the 4th day of June, 2022 by the 139th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Shurley Ray Weddle
Secretary of Convention

Mission Priorities of the Diocese of East Carolina

We are the Diocese of East Carolina, children of God, called to follow Jesus and to continue in the ways of The Episcopal Church.

God blesses us in the beauty and bounty of the land where we live and through the diversity of the people with whom we share life.

As Church, we are called to be good stewards of all of God's gifts, and to use them to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.



We have discerned that God's Holy Spirit is calling us to:

LEAD by supporting each of our worshiping communities and diocesan ministries to identify and equip lay and clergy leadership who will engage them in more fully living into the promises of our Baptismal Covenant

LEARN by developing and hosting collaborative opportunities for life-long formation for the ministry of all the baptized, to be offered in person and online across the diocese

SERVE by encouraging every congregation to strengthen or build local networks with ecumenical, interfaith, and other community partners for the purpose of serving the needs of the most vulnerable in their midst

HEAL by advocating for justice and peace for all of God's children, working together to remove obstacles that prevent equitable access to resources, while building bridges of reconciliation for the divisions between us