

RESOLUTION 3

TO: The 182nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky
FROM: The Rev. Jim Trimble, the ERD Division of the Department of Jubilee and Justice
SUBJECT: Establish the First Sunday of Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Resolved, that the Diocese of Kentucky dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday, and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help to heal a hurting world.

EXPLANATION

In 2008, the Presiding Bishop designated the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and as an annual celebration of Episcopal Relief & Development's role in our collective mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

In 2009, the General Convention of The Episcopal Church passed a resolution stating the same.

The Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fight poverty and disease around the world is lived out in a variety of ways. Advocacy with our government for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is one vital way. Another method is through the ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development, which, as the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church, works globally to alleviate hunger, fight disease, and strengthen communities. This is never more evident than its work and ministry with the Diocese of Haiti after the devastating earthquake of January 2010.