The Committee on Resolutions, The Rev. Scott Jones, Chair, presents the following resolution for consideration by the 57th Diocesan Convention and recommends adoption.

57TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

2017 RESOLUTION

TITLE: Remembrance, Recognition, Reconciliation and Relationship: Native Ministry in the Diocese of Arizona

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Organization/Church: Council for Native American Ministry

City: Diocese of Arizona

Signature of Submitter: Ben Garren

BE IT RESOLVED: that the 57th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona affirms the 2006 General Convention Resolution D046 (2007 – 2017 as the Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation) and the Covenant of Faith signed at Jamestown, VA in 1997, and designates the Mission for diocesan Native American Ministry as that of Remembrance, Recognition, Reconciliation and Relationship.

BE IT RESOLVED: that all congregations will remember and recognize the traditional people of the land by honoring the Recognition of Traditional Custodians of Church Lands resolution passed at the 56th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Arizona.

BE IT RESOLVED: congregations will take such steps as are necessary to fully recognize and welcome Native Americans into congregational life; be intentional in our effort towards developing partnership relationships with Native Americans living within our Diocesan boundaries, extend ourselves in outreach with Native Americans throughout the diocese, celebrate culturally inclusive and reflective liturgy, and
support the spiritual, cultural, and social values of Native Americans as steps towards reconciliation and relationship.

BE IT RESOLVED: that these guidelines also inform and direct us in our Companion Diocese relationship with the Area Mission of Navajoland.

Explanation: Following the 1997 Jamestown Covenant of Faith, General Convention designated a decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation. The resolution was renewed for a second decade at the 2006 General Convention. The 3 R’s have guided the development of Native Ministry in the church addressing historical trauma and community asset building through a study of the Doctrine of Discovery. They have helped focus our ministry and have had an impact on our relationships.

The Council for Native American Ministry has discerned their role as being one of reflection and support for congregational ministry with Native Americans in our Diocese. Additionally, the Council for Native American Ministry has identified that the diocesan emphasis on knowing our neighbor has the potential to respond to the 3 R’s with the addition of a 4th (relationship).

The Council for Native American Ministry will formulate our agendas and focus towards the 4 R’s as we grow Native American ministry in the diocese.

Funding Implications: There are no anticipated funding implications outside of the continued need to support the Canon for Native American Ministry position (salary, travel and expenses).