**62nd Diocesan Convention**

TITLE: 2022-04 Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's History with Indigenous Boarding Schools

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Church Name: Council for Native American Ministry

Church City: Diocese of Arizona

BE IT RESOLVED: The 62nd Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona affirms the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church’s Resolution A127 Resolution for Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's history with Indigenous Boarding Schools and commits to fulfilling the diocesan expectations presented therein.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Episcopal Diocese Arizona will, before the 81st General Convention, begin an audit of the relationship, financial or otherwise, between the federal government, the diocese and/or its subsidiary entities, its churches, and any Episcopal or non-Episcopal missionary societies with respect to any Indigenous residential boarding school operated within the territorial jurisdiction of the diocese;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Episcopal Diocese Arizona will, before the 81st General Convention, begin to gather information from boarding school survivors and their descendants about the experiences of Indigenous children and families in Episcopal run and/or supported residential boarding schools within the territorial jurisdiction of the diocese;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Episcopal Diocese Arizona will, before the 81st General Convention, provide a public platform through which the stories of boarding school survivors of any Indigenous residential boarding schools within the territorial jurisdiction of the diocese and their descendants might be preserved and shared;

AND BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council for Native American Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona is charged with facilitating the above work to be done by our congregations and ministries and also being a liaison between our diocese and the related programs offered by the Office of Indigenous Ministries and other churchwide entities.

Explanation: The legacy of Indigenous Boarding Schools and the history of present-day Arizona are linked. The Federal Indian Boarding School Program involved 408 institutions, 47 of those institutions, 12%, existed within what is now the state of Arizona. Only present-day Oklahoma has a greater legacy of Indigenous Boarding Schools than Arizona. Our responsibility to be a leader in this work with our denomination is clear in order to provide the pastoral support for the communities in which we take up ministry. The Council for Native American Ministry has already begun the work of identifying the role of the Episcopal Church in the Boarding Schools listed in Secretary of Interior Deborah Haaland's recently released (May 2022) Investigative Report on account of Arizona being identified as the state with the second largest number of boarding schools recorded in the report.