

Resolution # 24-4

A Resolution of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming Committing to Memorialize Victims of Racial Violence in Wyoming and to Provide Education about Wyoming's History of Racial Injustice

Resolved, that the 58th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming intentionally commit to collaborating with local historical advisory boards and engaged community members to memorialize victims of racial violence in Wyoming; and be it further

Resolved, that the 58th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming partner with the Equal Justice Initiative's Community Remembrance Project to explore local connections to the narratives of racial terror lynching; to erect narrative markers at or near the sites of five (5) or more documented lynchings in at least four (4) counties – Goshen County, Albany County, Carbon County, and Sweetwater County; to collect soil from the specific locations where racial terror lynchings took place; and to send that soil to the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, as an ongoing memorial to the violence perpetrated in Wyoming; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming engage with the tribal governments of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone to ascertain how the Church might be allowed to partner with them to erect culturally appropriate memorials to the victims of racial violence against Indigenous people in Wyoming and on the Wind River Reservation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming seek a way to partner with The Chinese Massacre Requiem Project in Rock Springs to assist in their current project to erect a bronze statue on the site of the racial killings that took place there in 1885; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming create events centered around education and dialogue at the newly dedicated Mineta-Simpson Institute, located at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center near the site of the incarceration of thousands of Japanese Americans during World War II; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming invite its congregations to listen to the stories of the victims of racial violence and to consider how their stories can inform our ongoing commitment to Becoming Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Wyoming direct the Equal Justice Initiative Task Force to oversee and implement the commitments made in this Resolution.

This resolution was prepared by April L. French on behalf of Wyoming Deputation to the 81st General Convention and the 2024 Racial Equity & Social Justice Pilgrimage and is presented for approval by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming.

Approved as to Form:

Chancellor

Date