

Resolution Number: 2012-A132
Title: Protect Indigenous Peoples' Sacred Sites
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention out of respect for the unique cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples, and as a step toward repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, calls upon congregations, institutions, dioceses and the corporate offices of The Episcopal Church, particularly in handling church property, expansion and investment, to help protect the sacred sites of Indigenous Peoples, and to encourage compliance in their communities with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, 25 U.S.C. § 3001; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop be asked to establish a task force, working with volunteers from diocesan chancellors and other attorneys who are Episcopalians, and in consultation with affected Indigenous Peoples, to develop practical written guidance for dioceses and churches, particularly for wardens and others responsible for church properties, construction, and investment.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 225-226.