

Resolution 1-2008
Support for Habitat for Humanity – Phase III

Whereas,

inadequate or non-existent housing for low-income families continues to a major social problem within the geographical areas of the diocese; and

Whereas,

being a missionary people, Episcopalians in the diocese are fully aware of the dire need for safe, decent housing in which families can raise their children; and Episcopal volunteers and donors have participated in the joy of families when they receive the keys to their new homes, those volunteers and donors having helped build and pay for those homes; and Episcopal volunteers realize they have been part of an economical and effective Habitat program that is a “Hand Up, not a Hand Out”; and

Whereas,

following the successful completion of the building of seven homes in Phase I of the diocesan Habitat for Humanity plan, approved by the 91st Council, the 97th Council approved a Phase II plan to build 14 homes over a period of seven years at an estimated cost of \$616,000, these homes to be built in 14 locations within the diocese in which there are established Habitat for Humanity affiliates; and

Whereas,

through the generosity of individual and congregational donors this goal for Phase II has been met in five years rather than seven years; and

Whereas,

previous Diocesan Councils have affirmed the continuing need for a diocesan Habitat for Humanity program, declaring that this program is a process, not a project;

Therefore, be it resolved

That this 104th Annual Diocesan Council reaffirm its commitment to provide homes of dignity for low-income families; and be it further resolved that the Commission for Christian Faith in Action and the Diocesan Habitat for Humanity Taskforce prepare a Phase III Plan to develop a course of action to continue these efforts in concert with Habitat for Humanity affiliates within the diocese and with selected families.