

15. United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights.

Resolved, That ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

- (1) Recognizing in the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, as approved by the General Assembly on December 10, 1948, a statement of principles and objectives to be sought through which people of all religions and all faiths can give expression to their highest aspirations,
- (2) The General Convention directs the Department of Christian Social Relations of the National Council to prepare materials for the study of the Declaration by Groups within this Church.
- (3) It urges every congregation in the Episcopal Church to set aside a period for consideration of this Declaration in relation to the community in which it is located, so that the members of each Church can determine how they may usefully undertake to fulfill its objectives in their own lives and in their church organizations.
- (4) It expresses its belief that the security of the United States, along with that of other countries, can be achieved only as everyone, everywhere in the world, is progressively assured basic human rights set forth in the Declaration.
- (5) To this end the Convention looks forward to the development of further international conventions and agreements in the field of human rights, and urges that the United States continue its effort in this field.
- (6) It further expresses its support of the International Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and urges its immediate approval by the United States Senate and its ratification by the President.
- (7) It recommends that a copy of this resolution be sent the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and also to the chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Referred to the Department of Christian Social Relations.