

Resolved, That the 223rd Annual Convention recognize that the drug crisis in America is a critical national concern that directly impacts our congregations.

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and every congregation be an agent of healing for all people affected by the disease of drug addiction.

Resolved, That because drugs such as prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids affect the public health and the social, environmental, and economic welfare of our communities, that the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and every congregation acknowledge its spiritual, moral and ethical responsibility to provide:

1. prevention programs targeting both youth and adults in the congregation and the community
2. access to professional organizations that target the illness of substance abuse and learn how to appropriately address the problem at home, at church, and in the community
3. educational resources and professionals to facilitate educational programs.

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia work in partnership with The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church, and community-based organizations to address most effectively prevention, intervention, education, advocacy, treatment, and recovery, including developing a list of trained therapists and consultants who are available to assist clergy and laity in this education process.