

Homeless/Houseless Resolution Adopted October 24th, 2015

RESOLVED, that this 47th annual meeting of the Diocese of Hawai'i expresses its urgent concern for the rise of homelessness/houselessness in our communities statewide, making Hawai'i the largest homeless population in the nation per capita by some measurements, and therefore urges our Diocese and congregations to work together in our several communities to address the issue making homeless a primary focus of our ministries by considering the following:

- Working cooperatively across congregational boundaries where practical, including joining the Housing Now coalition committed to the Housing First approach which has reduced homelessness by 91% in Utah
- Housing at least one homeless person or family on current church property including consideration of placing a container shelter for this purpose (approximate cost \$11K)
- Joining the congregations presently involved in Laundry Aloha and Laundry Love on both O'ahu and Kaua'i - Providing shower and internet access to homeless persons using the model of St. Jude's, Hawai'i or the model of A Cup Of Cold Water
- Organizing health and service fairs on Church properties aimed at assisting the homeless
- Continuing involvement with IHS, Family Promise, and other significant ministries currently being undertaken in many of our congregations
- Or any other actions that address the needs of the homeless taking into account our congregations' ability to respond to this crisis