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Support of Poverty Awareness

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1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this 178th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri honors the 50th anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. In accordance with our discipleship in Jesus Christ, we encourage all people to follow Dr. King and the mandate of Matthew 25:35-40, to provide water for the thirsty, clothing for the naked and food for the hungry, and to stand against systems that perpetuate the causes of poverty;
2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention, recognizing that our church includes members at all socio-economic levels, encourages its members and affiliates to learn about poverty and participate in such movements as The New Poor People's Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) as it organizes to bring issues of poverty to the fore through national actions; and
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention encourages all parishes and missions to highlight issues of poverty and economic injustice during the liturgy, in the pulpit, or in special forums on the Sunday following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, January 21, 2018.