



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

*The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

A resolution to establish the First Sunday of Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

***Be it Resolved***, that the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

***Be it further Resolved***, that the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania submit the following resolution to be considered and adopted by Province III.

***Be it further Resolved***, that the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania submit the following resolution to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Anaheim, California, July, 2009:

***RESOLVED***, the House of Deputies concurring, this 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief & Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world.

## Explanation

In 2008, the Presiding Bishop designated the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday and as an annual celebration of Episcopal Relief & Development's role in our collective mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

The Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fight poverty and disease around the world is lived out in a variety of ways. Advocacy with our government for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is one vital way. Another is through the ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development, which, as the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church, works globally to alleviate hunger, fight disease, and strengthen communities.

