

Resolution 5 –

A Response to the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting in Pittsburg

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Whereas the Baptismal Covenant in *The Book of Common Prayer* calls on followers of Jesus in the Episcopal Church to, among other things, persevere in resisting evil, seek and serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbor as ourselves, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being,

Whereas the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan learned during its 24th Annual Convention of multiple deaths and injuries as the result of gun violence at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

Be it resolved that the 24th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan condemns in the most strongest terms this and all acts of violence against our Jewish sisters and brothers,

And be it further resolved that in our individual and corporate life, we endeavor to stretch out our arms of love so that they may continue to know God's loving embrace.