

Resolution

Province IV Disaster Planning and Response Commission

Whereas, the Province IV Disaster Planning and Response Commission has worked faithfully and tirelessly over the past 15 years, and more, to call attention to the need for individuals, churches and dioceses to prepare for a large swath of unforeseen occurrences when a disaster happens; and

Whereas, the Commission has grown and morphed from a small cadre of individuals who initially decided where to send a small sum of money in the aftermath of a hurricane, to a large representative contingent of dedicated individuals who met regularly to undertake physical, psychological and relational accredited training that would enable them to respond with care and precision in the aftermath of disasters, both natural and man-induced; and

Whereas, the Commission was also known as the Province IV Disaster Preparedness ministry network; and

Whereas, the network produced the first comprehensive Province IV Disaster Preparedness Plan, still available and still viable, not only for the parishes and dioceses of the Province of Sewanee, but for the whole Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, this gift of the Province IV Disaster Preparedness Plan, with a foreword by the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, has become the core document for related plans in other organizations that have benefited from the work of this ministry; and

Whereas, over the course of the past few years, both money and commitment in some areas of the province have waned, while other national organizations have broadened their programs to include domestic education and disaster response; and

Whereas, the Province IV Disaster Planning and Response Commission has recommended discontinuing the work of this ministry network in this Province;

Be it resolved that the Province of Sewanee commend the diligence and ministry of this group of volunteer preparedness professionals and bestow on them the collective appreciation and blessings of the Province for tasks well undertaken in the service of Our Lord Jesus Christ.