

Passed as Submitted

2023-02 — Regarding the Creation of the Diocesan Food Security Network

Resolved, that the 239th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland instruct the Bishop to appoint a Food Security Commission by January 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a needs assessment, identifying existing resources, and then making recommendations to the 240th Convention as to the necessary steps to create, fund, and mobilize a Diocesan-wide Food Security Network, based upon its findings; and be it further

Resolved, that this convention call on our congregations - and all of the baptized - to deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities, through new and creative community, regional, and ecumenical projects such as school, church and community gardens, church garden tithing to food banks, involvement with migrant worker and farm worker ministries; and be it further

Resolved that this Convention call on our congregations - and all the baptized - to increase our involvement in advocacy for the development and maintenance of sustainable, equitable, culturally appropriate and accessible food systems.