

**Resolutions Passed by the  
152<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York  
November 14-15, 2020**

**RESOLUTION #1**

**Subject:** A Resolution to Endorse "Back from the Brink: A Call to Prevent Nuclear War," a grassroots initiative organized and sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Union of Concerned Scientists

**Submitted by:** Dr. Frank Baldwin and Dr. Linda Gaither, for Ithaca Area Episcopal Peace Fellowship

**RESOLVED**, that the 152<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Central New York, following Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, endorses the international grassroots initiative "Back from the Brink: the Call to Prevent Nuclear War." Endorsing "Back from the Brink" supports the adoption of five common-sense steps:

- Renounce the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- End the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. President to launch a nuclear attack
- Take U.S. nuclear weapons off hair trigger alert;
- Cancel the 1.7 trillion dollar plan to replace the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons;
- Pursue a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed nations to eliminate their arsenals as established in the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Grassroots endorsements of these five steps will add pressure for change in U.S. nuclear weapons policy, calling on our national leaders to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to make nuclear disarmament the center of our national security policy, seeking bilateral and multilateral agreements; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Convention's endorsement will be communicated by diocesan authorities to our elected N.Y. Representatives, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and the President of the United States; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this 152<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Central NY will submit this resolution to the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

**Resolution adopted.**