

Resolution R5: Purpose - *To recognize the Sanctity of Life*

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Whereas, respecting human dignity also means respecting the sanctity of life.

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Episcopal Church voted to formalize a relationship with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice whose position may be at odds with the position of the Episcopal Church as stated in the 1988 and 1994 Conventions (1988 – C047 and 1994 – A054).

Therefore, be it resolved that at its 171st Convention, the Diocese of Louisiana affirms that human life is a precious gift from God and is to be protected.

And, be it further resolved that the Diocese of Louisiana affirms the position of the Episcopal Church as expressed by its General Conventions of 1988 and 1994.

Be it further resolved that the Diocese of Louisiana disaffiliate itself from the decision of the Episcopal Church until such time as the position of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice can be determined to be in harmony with the resolutions of the Episcopal Church.