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MB 025 Hate Crimes Against Asian and Pacific Islanders

The following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Council at its meeting from April 16 – 16, 2021, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting virtually on April 16, 2021, mourns the lives lost in senseless acts of violence against those of Asian descent and Pacific Islanders and stands in support of the victims of such violence and their families. We are both grieved and outraged that members of our Asian community wake every morning fearing acts of violence and have been the scapegoats for this pandemic; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirms the March 23rd Statement from the Deputies of Color Steering Committee (in Explanation) about the murders in Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and the rise in hate crimes (see [General Convention Resolution: 2000-C029](#)) against people of Asian descent, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council commends the United Nations Secretary-General for highlighting the global rise in violence against people of Asian descent, including deadly attacks, harassment, bullying, discrimination, misogyny, and incitement to hatred in media and social media platforms in the United States and globally; and be it further

Resolved, That we deplore this historical pattern of scapegoating (see [General Convention Resolution: 2018-A230](#)) and weaponizing words for political purposes, exacerbating systemic racism and fear against people of color, resulting in the rise in hate crimes targeting women and the elderly in the midst of a global pandemic; and be it further

Resolved, That in order for the Executive Council to call upon the churchwide community to speak out, teach and be the prophetic voice, it accepts the challenge to commit greater time for exploring further and more intentionally its members' engagement with systemic racism; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the clergy and laity of The Episcopal Church to offer a prophetic response to these deaths and acts of injustice by committing to the ongoing, patient, determined, faithful, long-term ministry of anti-racism work; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church build on the framework of Becoming Beloved Community, created in response to [General Convention Resolution 2015-C019](#) Establish Response to Systemic Racial Injustice, to

enhance the capacity of the Church to work in communities to organize, advocate, and dismantle systems, policies and practices that reinforce racialized violence and vigilante acts and perpetuate the sin of racism; and be it further

Resolved, That we provide the necessary resources and tools for our dioceses, congregations, clergy, lay leaders, and Anglican Partnerships to work towards the Beloved Community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Barlowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe
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