

2014 Resolution R-1

Submitted by the Vestry of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk

RESOLVED, that this 122nd Annual Council of the Diocesan of Southern Virginia encourages the parishes in the Diocese to support the Church of the Province of D. R. Congo in the weekly Prayers of the People for peace with justice.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that this 122nd Annual Council of the Diocesan of Southern Virginia encourage parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia to recognize May 30th as Apolo Kivebulaya Day in their cycle of prayer in unity with the Anglican Church in D. R. Congo.

RATIONALE

The Province of the Anglican Church of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a member of the Anglican Communion, and has been a viable Anglican Church since the days of the Ugandan Missionary Apolo Kivebulaya in 1896. We are united as sisters and brothers in the Sacred Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Diocese of Bukavu and the Diocese of Southern Virginia were once Companion Dioceses.

Over the past nineteen years, there has been untold suffering in the Congo and in the nine Dioceses of the Congo Church.

Beginning in this last Advent, The Congo Anglican and Catholic Churches began a joint year of prayer for Peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. This year of prayer began with Advent to show that the Peace hoped for begins with our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen and other members of parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia are supporting the Women in the Diocese of Bukavu.

This Resolution affords the opportunity for all parishes to become familiar with the need for prayer in The Congo and to provide prayer and support accordingly.