

## **Resolution #2**

**Whereas, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a message of liberation, not of bondage, and**

**Whereas, the Baptismal Covenant of The Episcopal Church calls on followers of Christ to respect the dignity of every human being, and**

**Whereas, Christians are called upon to minister to “the least of these, my brethren,” and**

**Whereas, pornography in all its forms is addictive to its consumers, and demeaning to those who are portrayed, and**

**Whereas, promiscuous and/or early sexual activity is demonstrably dangerous to the health, psychological and spiritual as well as medical, of its practitioners, but is encouraged by a culture of pervasive sexualization, and**

**Whereas, caring for the needs of vulnerable children, youth and young adults mandates our awareness of the dangers of pornography, be it therefore,**

**Resolved that this 120 th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri call on all members of this Diocese to avoid the purchase or perusal of pornographic material, not in an attempt to censor, but as an expression of our Christian conviction that such materials are debasements of our immense worth as the children of God, and be it further**

**Resolved that all congregations of this Diocese include teaching on the dangerous effects of pornography in their educational program for both adults and young people in the coming year, and be it further**

**Resolved that this Diocese and its constituent institutions patronize for services only with those which do not sell pornographic materials.**

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## Resources

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