

**A Resolution
by the CDSP Community**

Resolution expressing support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's peaceful protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline

Be it resolved by the CDSP Community:

Whereas, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) is an Episcopal seminary community whose mission includes responding to the challenges of contemporary society with the good news of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and its allies are peacefully protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL), which threatens sacred tribal lands and waterways; and

Whereas, these water protectors have been subjected to escalated police and security forces while exercising their right to peaceful assembly; and

Whereas, the baptismal covenant of the Episcopal Church commits us to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself" and to "strive for peace and justice among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being"; now therefore

Be it resolved that the CDSP Community expresses its solidarity with the water protectors from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their allies, who are defending sacred lands against the construction of the DAPL; and

Be it resolved that the CDSP Community, in the words of the Episcopal Church, "calls upon U.S. federal and state leaders to make all necessary efforts possible to de-escalate military and police provocation" among the camp sites of peaceful protesters near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; and

Be it further resolved that the CDSP Community urges communities within other institutions of theological education to provide active, prayerful support for these water protectors, in recognition of our common humanity and our collective responsibility for "this fragile earth, our island home".

Certification

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and adopted by the members of the CDSP Community Leadership Team this 1st day of November, 2016, at a duly called meeting on the CDSP campus in Berkeley, California in which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Charter for Community Governance, as created and ratified in Fall 2013.