

Resolution: Homelessness

Whereas the prevention of homelessness is less costly in terms of dollars and human energy than working to meet the needs of the homeless; and

Whereas homelessness is a significant challenge for Tennessee and one that should be addressed by social services, health care providers, governments, business owners, and consumers; and

Whereas we must work together to make homelessness a challenge of the past in ways that will ultimately strengthen our communities.

Be It Resolved, that members of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women advocate for services that contribute to housing stability, such as housing counseling, rental subsidies, and effective distribution of Section 8 Vouchers;

Resolved, that members of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women endorse, along with Tennessee Catholic Public Policy Commission, the creation of appropriate policies that will prevent the discharge of persons from institutions of care to emergency shelters and to the street; and

Resolved, that members of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women contact their legislators and encourage our state government to develop a statewide plan to work on homelessness.