

CR-2 Courtesy Resolution Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson

The Committee recommends **adoption** of CR-2 and requests that CR-2 be placed on the Consent Agenda.

CR-2 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Mount Jackson, Shenandoah County.

Whereas, on November 3, 1870, the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Harrisonburg, The Rev. Dr. Alexander W. Weddell, began his mission in Mount Jackson. The church grew despite lacking a resident church building and a Sunday service. Dr. Weddell's Parochial Report, in May 1871, noted the establishment of the mission at Mount Jackson, Shenandoah County, and that he held services on alternate Tuesdays; and

Whereas, the 1874 Diocesan *Journal* reported that at Mount Jackson, a neat brick church was nearing completion; parochial records indicate that a church building was begun *circa* 1872 and that the church building was completed and free of debt by July 29, 1877, the date of its consecration; and

Whereas, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is one of the contributing buildings to the National Historic District of Mount Jackson. Saint Andrew's, with its decorative brickwork, stained glass windows, and corner bell tower with louvered belfry, is considered a fine example of Victorian neo-Gothic architecture and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Saint Andrew's has always been a small congregation with a big heart, committed to outreach since its earliest days. The Vestry and Saint Andrew's Guild sponsored campers at Shrine Mont, helped found Mount Jackson's Open Door Food Pantry, planted Nellie's Garden at Shrine Mont, and contributed generously to hurricane relief and earthquake relief. In 2022, the Vestry continued the decades-long generosity of the parish and raised more than \$7,500 for relief efforts in war-torn Ukraine. The annual rummage sale continues to raise money for outreach efforts; and

Whereas, the title of the history of Saint Andrew's published in 1999 proclaims, "*Where Two or Three are Gathered Together in Jesus' Name,*" reflects the most profound faith and sincerest fellowship at Saint Andrew's Church and a palpable link between its past and its future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia gives thanks to God for the example of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia send a presentation copy of this resolution to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church.

