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Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Supports “Summer of Peace” with Ongoing Initiatives

BALTIMORE – Bishops Eugene Taylor Sutton and John L. Rabb of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, today join with Archbishop Edwin O’Brien of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to declare a “Summer of Peace” on city streets, a broad faith-based effort to promote peace in Baltimore. The Right Reverend John L. Rabb, bishop suffragan of Maryland, represented the Episcopal Diocese at today’s press conference at St. Mary’s Seminary and University.

“Standing in solidarity with the Archdiocese of Baltimore and gathered denominations, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is now and always has been an advocate for peace on the streets of Baltimore and beyond. We are about inspiring change,” said Bishop Rabb.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has either planned or currently has in process initiatives to promote not just the act of peace, but to end the culture of violence on the city streets. These include:

- An urban school initiative – currently in the exploratory phase
- Summer youth programs at various churches throughout the diocese
- Ongoing support of the Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center
- Cooperative work with civic leaders in Park Heights and Pimlico neighborhoods

“Helping to build a non-violent just and civil society for ourselves and our children is a top priority of the Episcopal Church, the faith-based community and the churches of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Our job is to help bring peace to the neighborhoods of Baltimore City and transform the lives of those who struggle everyday,” said the Right Reverend Eugene Taylor Sutton, bishop of Maryland.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is a Christian community of 22,000 households in 115 congregations covering 10 counties and Baltimore City. Please visit www.ang-md.org for more information. The Episcopal Church is a community of 2.4 million members in 100 nationwide dioceses, 10 overseas dioceses and six extra-provincial territories; www.episcopalchurch.org. The Anglican Communion is a global community of 77 million Anglicans in 38 member churches/provinces, including The Episcopal Church; www.anglicancommunion.org.

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