



1           WHEREAS, while rector of St. Luke's in Baton Rouge, he was elected bishop  
2           coadjutor of Louisiana in 1997, consecrated bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana on  
3           January 31, 1998, and invested as the tenth bishop of Louisiana on March 28, 1998; and

4           WHEREAS, Reverend Jenkins was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree  
5           from Nashotah House in 1992, an honorary doctorate from the University of the South,  
6           Sewanee, Tennessee in 1999, and in his continuing educational pursuits, he studied for five  
7           years with Rabbi Edwin Friedman; and

8           WHEREAS, while safely evacuated in Baton Rouge during Hurricane Katrina,  
9           Rt. Reverend Charles Jenkins said the televised images of thousands of people suffering in  
10          New Orleans compelled him to retool the work of his 19,000 members of the Diocese of  
11          Louisiana to remedy the social injustices exposed by the storm; and

12          WHEREAS, as national relief money poured in, Rt. Reverend Charles Jenkins  
13          launched ministries, including Jericho Road, that put the Louisiana diocese into new work  
14          such as building houses, running medical clinics, and forging new relationships with  
15          African American neighborhoods and other ministries; and

16          WHEREAS, Rt. Reverend Charles Jenkins said he wanted to "institutionalize in his  
17          church" the reckless and inspiring generosity that prevailed in the first months after the  
18          storm, having the programs become a part of the diocese's identity as Christians and not be  
19          merely an aberration; and

20          WHEREAS, together with Episcopal Relief and Development, an international relief  
21          and development agency of the Episcopal Church, he formed the diocesan Office of Disaster  
22          Response in order to coordinate the church's charitable response to the disaster as well as  
23          working with interfaith agencies; and

24          WHEREAS, through the partnerships he formed, Reverend Jenkins became involved  
25          in long-range community rebuilding plans, including Jericho Road, a ministry he started to  
26          help rebuild homes in New Orleans; and

27          WHEREAS, upon his retirement, he moved to St. Francisville where he served as  
28          Bishop in Residence at Grace Church and often presided over services at St. John's Laurel  
29          Hill, the Chapel of Grace Church; and

30          WHEREAS, while living in St. Francisville, he fished frequently and pattered about

