**Resolution 2-03**

To Assist Navigation of the Foster and Adoption Processes

Whereas, Christians have an obligation to care for the widowed and orphaned (James 1:27, Esther 2:7); and

Whereas, There are approximately 368,500 children in the foster care system in the U.S. and as of 2022 there were 2,600 in Montana foster care with 85 available for adoption; and

Whereas, Adoption is cost prohibitive for many people; and

Whereas, There is a lack of sharing of information about the fostering and adoption processes; therefore be it

*Resolved*,That the Montana District in convention resolves to advocate for fostering and adoption as part of Christian care for life; and be it further

*Resolved*,That the Montana District Stewardship/Human Care Committee explore financial options to support District members considering adoption; and finally be it

*Resolved*,That the Montana District Stewardship/Human Care Committee develop methods to disseminate information about fostering and adoption, and outreach for people to consider these.

**Committee 2**