

TEMA/TÍTULO: Artefactos Indígenas  
 PROPONENTE: Rvmo. Obispo Sanford Z.K. Hampton  
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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de \_\_\_\_\_ que la 76ª Convención General endose la
- 2 el compromiso de la Diocese of Oregon de asociarse con Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
- 3 Oregon, con la finalidad de intentar la devolución de artefactos de las tribus de la zona noroeste
- 4 del pacífico, conocidos en conjunto como “The Summers Collection”, ahora en posesión del
- 5 Museo Británico.
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**EXPLANATION:**

The "Summers Collection" consists of some 556 Native artifacts from the region of Western and Southern Oregon. They were collected by an Episcopal priest named R.W. Summers in the last half of the nineteenth century. Father Summers documented the items and many of the families they came from in a journal which is now called "The Indian Journal of Rev. R. W. Summers, First Episcopal Priest of Seattle and McMinnville, OR", published by Guadalupe Translations, a ministry of Gaudalupe Trappist Abbey in Lafayette, Oregon. The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon by resolution passed at its 2008 convention, has entered into a collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Western Oregon to call for the return of these items to the Tribe, as an expression of the ministries of justice and reconciliation. Representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have visited the British Museum on several occasions since 2000 and have photographed and documented the collection as well. The Tribe also began conversations with the British Museum some years ago and have been informed that it would take an "Act of Parliament" to release the artifacts from the British Museum. The Diocese of Oregon does not seek by resolution to affect the legislative procedures of the British Parliament but to offer a ministry of encouragement to the Native Peoples of the Pacific Northwest, the authorities of the British Museum, and our brothers and sisters in the Church of England through this particular opportunity. As a player in the history of this collection, we understand that we share common moral and spiritual ground with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and feel compelled by the dictates of our own principles and the grace of God to add our voice to this Tribal quest. Return of Native artifacts is required under U.S. law and by U.N. resolutions, rules and procedures. There are many equitable options that can be pursued. Ongoing negotiations regarding the possible return of the "Summers Collection" are strictly in the purview of the Confederated tribes of Grand Ronde and the British Museum. Recent professional publications, notably Utimut (International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Copenhagen, 2008) provide professional insight and suggestions into various means by which Museum and Tribe may collaborate, such as long term loans, extended visitations, dividing collections, artifact swapping and or replacement, and so on, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have plans in the making for a tribal museum. The Tribe is appreciative of the British Museum's stewardship of these precious artifacts and is deeply grateful for the efforts of Father Summers and the support of the Diocese of Oregon.

**BALLOT RESULTS:**

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