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Introductory Info

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Please identify whether you are answering this survey as a representative of an entire diocese or as a church or institution: Entire Diocese

Section One: Telling the Truth About Our Churches and Race, including Truth and Reconciliation Processes (TRUTH)

Check all the Truth-telling ministries with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged over the last 12 months: Intentional efforts to address racial disparities in treatment of leaders across the diocese, congregation or institution

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above: Efforts have been made to recruit leaders from diverse populations, particularly on Diocesan Executive Committee and the nominating committee for our bishop search

Has your diocese, congregation or institution or entity in recent years engaged in a Truth and Reconciliation process, understood to be: (please check all that apply) Not yet engaged

Has your diocese, congregation or institution organized a commission, working group or other regular meetings to work on a Truth and Reconciliation process?

No

Please indicate the types of entities in your diocese that have engaged or are now engaging in a Truth and Reconciliation process.

Not yet engaged

Have Episcopal entities pursuing Truth and Reconciliation hosted events and webinars or produced any documents, testimonials, reports or other content?

No

If your diocese, congregation or institution has not begun to pursue a Truth and Reconciliation process, have leaders expressed interest in starting such work?

Yes

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Truth and Reconciliation?

Model programs and guidance for leaders/facilitators

Section Two: Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community (PROCLAMATION)

Check all the Proclaiming the Dream ministries with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged during the last 12 months: (check all that apply)

Offer public witness (editorials, public speaking, protests and vigils)
Participate in local or regional efforts to examine the history of race and racism
Participate in efforts to generate a local or regional vision for racial healing

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

The bishop and clergy leaders have participated in marches and protests related to racial injustice. Several congregations in the Columbia, SC, area are involved in MORE Justice, and community organizing group focused on addressing racial inequality in the region.

Section Three: Practicing Jesus's Healing Way (FORMATION)

Check all the Practicing the Way ministries with which your diocese or entity has engaged during the last 12 months: (check all that apply)

Sacred Ground dialogue circles
Anti-racism or dismantling racism training

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Our Race & Reconciliation Committee has been redeveloping our diocesan anti-racism training. Several congregations have participated in different workshops and trainings offered by community organizations. About 12 congregations across the diocese are currently planning to start Sacred Ground circles this fall.

Section Four: Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society (JUSTICE)

Check all the church-wide Repairing the Breach efforts with which your diocese, congregation or institution has engaged during the last 12 months:

Poor People's Campaign

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Reimagining Policing and Criminal Justice Reform"?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Prison Ministries or Re-entry Ministries," that is, supporting persons re-entering community following incarceration?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Refugee Ministries"?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Immigration Reform"?

Not yet engaged

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Education Equity," including support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and partnering with under-resourced schools primarily serving students of color?

Local engagement
State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Housing Equity" for/with communities and People of Color?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with "Economic Opportunity" for/with communities and People of Color?

Local engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Environmental Racism and Eco-justice”?

Local engagement
State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reparations for Racial Justice”?

Not yet engaged

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Some individual congregations are involved in prison ministry, housing ministry, refugee resettlement. Our diocesan Environmental Stewardship Committee has worked with statewide groups to learn about and address climate issues.

Conclusion
