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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: Church or Institution

If Church or Institution, please identify which kind of Episcopal entity you represent: Congregation

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: Not Yet Engaged

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above: Please note that during Covid and without a settled rector at St. Martin's, we have only done a few things to keep moving forward. We are a small aging congregation. There are few people of color in our small Oregon town.

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)	Other: see below
Please describe these Truth and Reconciliation process efforts:	some members of the congregation of St. Martin's have intentionally does reading to better inform themselves, and some of our supply clergy Ministry Team have preached on issues of Racial Reckoning and Reconciliation and we have had some litanies in worship when we have had in person worship.
Has your diocese, congregation or institution organized a commission, working group or other regular meetings to work on a Truth and Reconciliation process?	No
Have Episcopal entities pursuing Truth and Reconciliation hosted events and webinars or produced any documents, testimonials, reports or other content?	Yes
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?	I know that people in the Diocese of Oregon have worked on this and that our new Bishop Akiyama has worked on this - but at our own St. Martin's Parish, we have no committee or documents

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)	Not yet engaged
Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:	Although the Diocese of Oregon has made strides in all these areas -- which St. Martin's has publicized by sharing on our Facebook page -- St. Martin's congregation has not yet itself taken initiative.
What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Proclaiming the Dream?	First, we need COVID to be over with the restrictions no longer necessary so that the congregation can once again meet together and talk. We might then resume our Saturday morning discussion groups which did tackle some of these issues.

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)

Liturgies of repentance and lament
Liturgical resource development
Preaching on race and racism

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Services at St. Martin's have included liturgies of repentance and lament at times, and we have sought out some liturgical resources to address these long overdue issues. Some of our clergy team have addressed race and racism in their sermons.

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Practicing the Way?

As I said above, once COVID is over and we are back to meeting in person with time to talk and think, then the congregation may be able to focus on such issues. I believe that our congregation represents a wide range of political perspectives and positions.

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:

Other: In working with Good News Gardens, St. Martin's has begun to consider the Native peoples whose land we now live on. I am just beginning to know what the Asset Based Community Development is.

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

Not yet engaged

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?

Not yet engaged

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

Not yet engaged

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

Not yet engaged

<p>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?</p>	<p>Not yet engaged</p>
<p>At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Housing Equity” for/with communities and People of Color?</p>	<p>Local engagement</p>
<p>At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Economic Opportunity” for/with communities and People of Color?</p>	<p>Learning</p>
<p>At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Environmental Racism and Eco-justice”?</p>	<p>Learning</p>
<p>At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reparations for Racial Justice”?</p>	<p>Not yet engaged</p>
<p>Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:</p>	<p>As a member of St. Martin's and the current Senior Warden as well as the volunteer outreach coordinator, I meet with local groups for housing equity, for street outreach to people experiencing homelessness, etc. For example, in our city of Lebanon, Oregon, a new housing complex is going up for agricultural workers, many of whom are people of color. I have tried to advertise this opportunity. Another new housing program that focuses on transition and veterans is going up, and again, we have encouraged those who come to St. Martin's for assistance with food, clothing, hygiene, etc. to apply for the housing. This is a challenge during Covid when most of our congregation have stayed at home and so our number of volunteers is small.</p>
<p>In what other ways is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with racial justice and Repairing the Breach?</p>	<p>I think our Diocese of Oregon is much more active in these areas and can be a good resource for St. Martin's.</p>
<p>What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Repairing the Breach?</p>	<p>More volunteers among the congregation</p>

Conclusion

Is there anything else you wish to share about your diocese, congregation or institution and its engagement with racial reconciliation and justice ministries, overall?

As a small parish with an aging congregation many of whom are long time residents in our town, and remembering Oregon's long history of exclusion of people of color, St. Martin's has challenges to help educate people to the facts of Oregon's and America's history with regards to issues of systemic racism. Please note that I am filling out this form from my own perspective. I invited vestry and ministry team members to send input but there was short notice, so I did the best I could on my own. I hope that in the future we can do more. It's wonderful that the Diocese of Oregon as well as the National Church - and Bishop Michael Curry -take a lead. I do share those items on Facebook.
