

**June 2, 2024 – Pentecost 2 (B)**

**Your Guide to the DFMS, Part 1**

*Throughout the summer, our bulletin inserts will feature resources available to you, your ministry, your congregation, and your diocese from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society – the formal, incorporated name for The Episcopal Church. Learn more by scanning each department’s QR code or visit iam.ec/tecguide.*

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Description automatically generatedThe Office of African Descent Ministries** seeks to inspire, transform and empower people of African descent to live fully into the Jesus Movement. The history of contributions to The Episcopal Church by people of African descent is long and inspiring. The church pays tribute to this legacy by supporting and fostering the growth and development of Black communities through partnerships that reach across ethnic and racial boundaries, from Episcopal provinces, dioceses, and deaneries to local worshipping communities.

**Engage** the “Healing from Internalized Oppression” curriculum and its invitation to a journey toward wholeness.

**Attend** a meeting of Diocesan Leaders for African Descent Ministries.

**Explore** Congregational Programs for Revitalization to strengthen congregational leadership and ministry.

**Learn** more about African Descent Ministries Black Congregational Leadership Initiative (BCLI).

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**Explore** the Digital Archives to discover more about The Episcopal Church.

**Discover** the process for amending church records.

**Learn** about the historic contributions of the women of the church through the Archives’ latest online exhibit, “For the Extension of the Kingdom.”

**Manage** archives and records for your congregation.

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**Discover** how and where we serve.

**Become** an Episcopal military or federal chaplain.

**Visit** the Military Chaplains Just War Education Project.

**Watch** our Armed Forces and Federal Chaplains video series.

**Discover** the history of the Armed Forces bishops.

**Learn more:** Visit*iam.ec/affm* or contact the Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia at *aritonia@episcopalchurch.org*.

*Next week: Asiamerica Ministries, Church Planting and Redevelopment, and Communication.*