

Anti-Racism Ministry Report

At the 2015 General Convention Resolution C019 was adopted. This Resolution called for "Establishing a Systemic Response to Racism". In May 2017 after two years of "listening, consulting and reflection" the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and officers of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies introduced the document " Becoming the Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church's Long Term Commitment To Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice " and invited Episcopalians to study and commit to using this document. On June 29, 2017, a second document was released "A Framework for Anti-Racism and Racial Reconciliation Training in the Episcopal Church". Although there were program implications it was not a set of programs. In preparation for 2018 General Convention responses/reactions to the document (A Framework....) were invited.

During Synod in May (2018) representatives from seven Dioceses within the Province met to discuss the document (A Framework....). Based on that discussion a response was prepared and suggestions/recommendations offered regarding that document and the draft form of the Resolutions to be submitted to General Convention. At General Convention, the revised document was presented and Resolutions were adopted.

In November (2018) Diocesan Committee/Commission Chairs/Contact persons will meet to discuss the document and actions that were taken at General Convention and the implications for our work in the Province. Grant money was included in the legislation adopted and at our November meeting decisions will need to be made about how this Province might use such a grant, if we submit an application and it is approved.

In April 2018, The Center for Racial Healing in The Diocese of Atlanta sponsored a "Conversation" about Racism and asked Diocesan Bishops to send at least two representatives from their Diocese. Four Dioceses within the Province responded to the invitation. We were able to arrange for the nine of us to meet together during Lunch for a session of discussing and sharing.

Respectfully submitted,

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