



## *Racial Reconciliation*

*O mortal, what does the Lord require of you, but that you do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:8*

Welcome to the **TEConversations @ General Convention**.

The first part of our time together features engaging speakers, poetry, music, and video. Part two is the true TEConversation, because it's when YOU share. You will have about 30 minutes in small groups to explore personal and communal hopes for living as the Jesus Movement and sharing in loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God, each other, and the earth.

### **Question 1 (in pairs)**

What word, image, or theme stands out for you from the talks and offerings you just heard? What is Jesus saying and calling you to do or to be, with regard to racial reconciliation, healing, and justice?

### **Question 2 (at table)**

Given what you just shared in pairs about what Jesus is calling you toward personally, how might our churches and institutions respond to this call collectively?

### **Question 3 (go forth & reflect with related organizations and at [www.episcopalchurch.org/teconversations](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/teconversations))**

Given what your group said about how we could respond to God's call as churches and institutions, what would help you/your church/your diocese to take the next steps around racial reconciliation, healing, and justice? What do you need? What do you want to share or create?

**Discover resources & groups to continue the conversation. Share resources, questions, and needs.**

**Text TECON or RECONCILIATIONGC to 51555.**

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## **Small Group Guidelines**

- Focus on what matters: stay close to the questions offered.
- Contribute your best thinking.
- Speak from your mind and heart.
- Listen to understand.
- Link and connect ideas.
- Listen into the center of the conversation for wisdom.
- Have fun and enjoy the gifts of each conversation.

## **Process (for facilitators)**

- Solicit the help of a time keeper.
- Solicit the help of a note taker who can send the notes.
- Facilitate conversation around Questions 1 & 2.
- Invite everyone to speak once before anyone speaks twice.
- Invite a reverent pause between each comment.
- Participate!
- Send notes and wisdom to the planning group via email at [teconversations@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:teconversations@episcopalchurch.org) or text TECON to 51555 and follow the links.

## **Continue the Conversation with Exhibitors Like These ...**

Racial Reconciliation – Friday, July 6, exhibitor engagement 12-1:15 pm CT

**Church Publishing and Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing.** Luncheon, invitation only, reservations required. Features Bishop Robert C. Wright and Catherine Meeks. NOTE LOCATION: Hilton Austin, 500 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NOT in the Exhibit Hall.

### **Episcopal Church Center (Booth # 420)**

ALL DAY: Walk the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth and explore racial justice with the Presiding Bishop's Racial Justice and Reconciliation team. Giveaways include Becoming Beloved Community cards and mint tins and The Way of Love cards. Free wooden finger labyrinth if you walk the labyrinth.

### **Episcopal Divinity School at Union (Booth # 805)**

Dean Kelly Brown Douglas will join with EDS alums Eric Law and Jeff Fisher for a Facebook Live conversation about racial justice work in the Episcopal Church. *Tune in to EDS' Facebook page* at 12:30 pm CT.

### **Episcopal Evangelism Society (Booth # 905)**

The Beloved Community StorySharing Project's Young Adult Story Weavers will present "Our Stories Speak of God: StorySharing and Building Inclusive Community," offering techniques that adapt for any setting.

### **Episcopal Relief & Development (Booth # 401)**

Kirsten Laursen Muth of Episcopal Relief & Development and Rachel Carnegie from the Anglican Alliance discuss combating gender-based violence. Also discussion of the partnership with Islamic Relief USA to bring Christian and Muslim religious leaders together to respond to violence.

### **Fruit of the Vine (Booth # 313)**

Colleen Hintz will share how members of the Racial Dialogue Committee of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, NJ, created a liturgy to address racism. Includes discussion of vestments and liturgical hangings.

### **Girls' Friendly Society (Booth # 1035)**

Representatives will discuss how the organization is helping create awareness of gender inequity issues to bring greater understanding and reconciliation to our world. Share a light moment at their World Orange photo booth.

### **Global Episcopal Mission Network (Booth # 1003)**

Executive Director Karen Hotte presents a conversation with missionaries and international visitors who are engaging in reconciliation work in parts of the world afflicted with inter-ethnic and inter-religious tension and conflict.