

1. Diocese - 1. Diócesis

Lexington

4. Diocesan Staff focused on Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and/or Anti-racism - 4. Personal diocesano dedicado a la Reparación, la Justicia y la Reconciliación Raciales y/o al Antirracismo

Bishop Mark Van Koevering, bishop@diolex.org

5. Diocesan Task Force or Committee focused on Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and/or Anti-racism - 5. Equipo de trabajo diocesano o comité dedicado a la Reparación, la Justicia y la Reconciliación Raciales y/o al Antirracismo

Diocesan Commission for the Racial Reconciliation of All God's Children

6. Main Diocesan Leader(s) focused on Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and/or Anti-racism - 6. Principal(es) líder(es) diocesano(s) dedicado(s) a la Reparación, la Justicia y la Reconciliación Raciales y/o al Antirracismo

Co-Chairs of the Diocesan Commission for the Racial Reconciliation of All God's Children:

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8. Check all the ministries with which your diocese has engaged during the last 12 months.

Host a Listening and Learning Session around race in partnership with neighbors, faith partners, civic groups, schools, etc. - *Organizar una sesión de audición y aprendizaje sobre la raza en asociación con vecinos, socios religiosos, agrupaciones cívicas, escuelas, etc.*

Offer public witness (editorials, public speaking, protests and vigils, etc.) - *Ofrecer testimonio público (editoriales, discursos, protestas y vigiliyas, etc.)*

Participate in local or regional efforts to examine the history of race and racism - *Participar en empeños locales o regionales para examinar la historia de la raza y el racismo*

8a. Please provide additional details on specific programs above, and name other public proclamation efforts not listed above. - 8a. Proporcione detalles adicionales sobre programas específicos anteriores y mencione otros empeños de proclamación pública que no figuran en la lista anterior.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering and other Episcopal clergy have participated in local Black Lives Matter protests and marches in Lexington, Winchester and Richmond.

Members of Emmanuel Church in Winchester joined with members of a Black Baptist Church and others in the community in a parade on Juneteenth and in monthly meetings to discuss issues of racism and racial justice.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering was a speaker in a Zoom Webinar on the topic of re-imaging policing organized by the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing on July 9.

Rev. Carol Ruthven was a speaker in a Zoom Webinar on the topic of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on persons of color, organized by the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, on May 26.

Book title(s) - Título(s) de(l) (los) libro(s)

Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America, edited by Catherine Meeks

Robin Diangelo, *White Fragility*

Debby Irving, *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*

9. Check all the ministries with which your diocese has engaged in the last 12 months. - 9. Verifique todos los ministerios con los que su diócesis ha participado en los últimos 12 meses.

Preaching on race and racism - *Predicación sobre la raza y el racismo*
Diocesan reading of book(s) on race - *Lectura diocesana de [un] libro(s) sobre la raza*
Anti-racism or dismantling racism training - *Adiestramiento contra el racismo o para el desmantelamiento del racismo*

9a. Please provide additional details on specific programs above, and name other training, formation, storytelling and worship efforts not listed above. -

9a. Proporcione detalles adicionales sobre los programas específicos anteriores y mencione otros empeños de capacitación, formación, narración de relatos y culto no mencionados anteriormente.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering and some other Episcopal clergy have preached on race and racism. Bishop Mark has addressed race and racism in his diocesan "Fireside Chats" that are livestreamed and recorded on Social Media.

The diocesan commission is launching on September 1, 2020, anti-racism and dismantling racism training for all clergy, Vestry members and lay leaders in the diocese. The Bishop is requiring the training to be completed by the end of 2020 and any newly elected clergy, Vestry member and lay leaders will be required to complete the training in the future.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Corbin, Kentucky, are collaborating with the Mayor and other churches to address the history of racism and racial injustice. Corbin is infamous for an incident in 1919 when a mob of armed white men forced all 200 black residents out of town at gunpoint and Corbin remained a sundown town well into the 20th century.

An artist of St. Patrick's Church in Somerset designed Stations of the Cross that focused on racial injustice and racism. The Stations of the Cross have been used during Holy Week with people from other churches in the community attending.

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington has had a group of lay people reading three books, including Dr. Catherine Meeks' book, Living into God's Dream.

A Racial Justice pilgrimage had been planned by St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Lexington but had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 closures.

Members of Emmanuel Church in Winchester have been meeting monthly with members of a local Black Baptist Church for three years to share stories and build relationships of trust and community collaboration.

Rev. Carol Ruthven, Co-Chair of the diocesan commission, served as Vice Chair of the Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass and on the board and has attended the monthly meetings for 12 years.

St. Raphael's Church in Lexington is holding a series of dinner church on mass incarceration and racism called "Outrageous Justice".

Resources and programs from The Episcopal Church for Becoming the Beloved Community and Ministry of Racial Reconciliation are publicized in the digital diocesan newsletter.

10. Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) or Office of Government Relations - 10. Red Episcopal de Política Pública (EPPN) u Oficina de Relaciones Gubernamentales	Yes – Sí
11. Reimagining Policing - 11. Replanteando la vigilancia policial	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
12. Criminal Justice Reform - 12. Reforma de la justicia penal	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
13. Re-entry and Prison Ministries - 13. Ministerio de reinserción social y de prisión	Women - Mujeres
15. Refugee Ministries - 15. Ministerio de refugiados	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
16. Immigration Reform - 16. Reforma migratoria	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
17. Education Equity, including support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities - 17. Equidad educacional, incluido el apoyo para universidades tradicionalmente negras	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
18. Housing Access for Communities and People of Color - 18. Acceso a la vivienda para comunidades y personas de color	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
19. Racial Justice - 19. Justicia racial	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local
20. Economic Opportunity for Communities and People of Color - 20. Oportunidad económica para comunidades y personas de color	Learning - Aprendizaje Local Engagement - Participación local

23. Please provide additional details on specific programs above, and name other justice and reparative efforts not listed above. - 23. Proporcione detalles adicionales sobre los programas específicos anteriores y mencione otros empeños de justicia y reparación no mencionados anteriormente.

Many clergy and lay members in our diocese respond to advocacy requests emailed by the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) or Office of Government Relations. Bishop Mark Van Koevering and Rev. Carol Ruthven serve on the board of the Kentucky Council of Churches and are involved in the Council's advocacy efforts during the State Legislative Session.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering and several clergy are collaborating with Black Clergy in Lexington and the Bluegrass region to publicly address issues of police reform, racial justice, and economic opportunities for communities of color.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering, clergy and lay people attended the annual Unity Breakfast and participated in the Martin Luther King Freedom March in Lexington.

Bishop Mark Van Koevering is a member of Bishops Against Gun Violence.

The Episcopal Church of our Savior of Madison County held a public meeting in Richmond with invited speakers to address bail reform on December 17, 2019. The meeting was held in partnership with the Kentucky Council of Churches and was attended by 58 people, including elected state and local officials.

Deacon Emily Cardwell and members of St. Raphael's Episcopal Church have been involved in a diocesan prison ministry and lead a Bible study for women in the county jail in Lexington.

Members of our diocese have supported financially and in other ways the Kentucky Refugee Ministry.

Before COVID-19, members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and Christ Church Cathedral have been involved in after school tutoring of children in inner city schools, where the majority of students are students of color (Black and Hispanic).

Rev. Laurie Brock of St. Michael's Church in Lexington is serving on a Housing Committee of the local city-urban council government that is addressing racial disparities in housing.

Some clergy and lay members are active in their local chapters of the NAACP in Lexington and Richmond, Kentucky.

Discussion have begun about possible options for reparation payments as a diocesan initiative.

A member of Episcopal Church of Our Saviour of Madison County and a diocesan commission member, Omar Salinas, is active in advocacy for immigration reform and DACA recipients.

Rev. Carol Ruthven, co-chair of the commission, is a member of the national cohort of the Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative of the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Rev. Keila Thomas and Rev. Dcn. Paula Ott of St. Peter's Church are collaborating with local Black Clergy in Paris, Kentucky.

Rev. Peter Doddema and members of St. Philip's Church have collaborated with Black Clergy of the local AME Church in Harrodsburg in providing a monthly meal for food-insure persons and in prison ministry.

Rev. Carol Ruthven and members of Our Saviour Church of Madison County collaborated with members of local Black churches in organizing a community tour of historic pre-civil war Black and White Churches in Madison County in September 2019.