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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: Entire Diocese

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: Historic study of diocesan and/or congregational participation in systemic oppression of Indigenous, Black, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander peoples and other people of color

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) Investigating the organization's historic role in racial injustice;

Is there a staff person and/or volunteer who serves as point person for diocesan racial reconciliation and justice ministries? Yes

Name John Hennessy

Email

Are they a staff member or volunteer? Staff

Would you like to identify another leader? Yes

Name Emily Kenniston

Email

Are they a staff member or volunteer? Staff

Has your diocese, congregation or institution organized a commission, working group or other regular meetings to work on a Truth and Reconciliation process? Yes

If yes, please summarize and provide the name of the commission/group, and a contact person with name and email address. Racial Justice Commission
John Hennessy

Emily Kenniston

Please indicate the types of entities in your diocese that have engaged or are now engaging in a Truth and Reconciliation process. Congregation
Other Episcopal-Affiliated Institution

Have Episcopal entities pursuing Truth and Reconciliation hosted events and webinars or produced any documents, testimonials, reports or other content? No

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

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) Host a Listening and Learning Session around race in partnership with neighbors, faith partners, civic groups, schools, etc
Offer public witness (editorials, public speaking, protests and vigils)

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)

Sacred Ground dialogue circles
Anti-racism or dismantling racism training
Doctrine of Discovery training
Liturgies of repentance and lament
Preaching on race and racism

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:

Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) or the Office of Government Relations
Jubilee Ministries
From the Pew to the Public Square Training
Economic Justice Assemblies
Poor People's Campaign

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

State engagement

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?

State engagement

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

State engagement

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

State engagement

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?

State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Housing Equity” for/with communities and People of Color?

State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Economic Opportunity” for/with communities and People of Color?

State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Environmental Racism and Eco-justice”?

State engagement

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reparations for Racial Justice”?

State engagement

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

Working in collaboration with the Diocesan Justice Commission (Maine Episcopal Public Policy Network, Racial Justice Council, Climate Justice Council, Committee on Indian Relations, Episcopal Peace Fellowship) and our leadership role in the Maine Council of Churches, we have offered public testimony on more than 40 pieces of legislation during the past session. The majority of the bills we supported passed and were signed by the Governor. The majority of the bills we opposed were defeated in the legislature.

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 interest and participation in racial reconciliation and justice ministries continues to grow it is very easy to become overwhelmed and frustrated. Representing one of the whitest dioceses in the country, I appreciate all efforts to curate a compelling and timely program to help us work with our churches and congregations. The question we hear from almost every participant in Sacred Ground, for example, is what's next?
