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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: Church or Institution

If Church or Institution, please identify which kind of Episcopal entity you represent: Congregation

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: Not Yet Engaged

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above: Starting book group on "The Church Cracked Open".

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) Not yet engaged

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

No

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?

No

What assistance or resources would help you to take the next steps around Truth and Reconciliation?

I hope something will come from the book study.

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)

Not yet engaged

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)

Preaching on race and racism

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

I have preached on race and white privilege. We are starting a book group, but it is not organization wide - only those who wish to participate. However, many of those are prominent members of the congregation.

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:

Other: I personally engage EPPN actions.

At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reimagining Policing and Criminal Justice Reform”?	Not yet engaged
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?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Refugee Ministries”?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Immigration Reform”?	Not yet engaged
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?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Housing Equity” for/with communities and People of Color?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Economic Opportunity” for/with communities and People of Color?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Environmental Racism and Eco-justice”?	Not yet engaged
At what levels is your diocese, congregation or institution engaging with “Reparations for Racial Justice”?	Not yet engaged

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?

Given the lack of historical engagement, and the overwhelming whiteness of the town/area, developing interest and commitment is going to take time. I think the congregation's views are more toward progressive, but they are more used to "helping" ministries such as their Thrift Shop (which they also use to raise money) than to engaging activism to change the systems that perpetuate racism and oppression.
