

**1. Diocese - 1. Diócesis**

Western Massachusetts

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**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**

The Rev. Vicki Ix, Canon for Communications

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**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**

Beloved Community Commission

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**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**

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**7a. Please provide additional details on specific programs above, and name other truth-telling efforts not listed above. - 7a. Proporcione detalles adicionales sobre los programas específicos anteriores y mencione otros empeños de contar la verdad que no figuran en la lista anterior.**

The Christ Church Cathedral convened 2 live webinars in June featuring testimony from 2 Black leader, one from the Cathedral and one from Worcester. (The Cathedral has a vibrant hispanic ministry and Spanish services.) This was a response (and there may have been others in the diocese) to George Floyd's murder. But was not part of any diocesan effort around race, ethnic make-up or histories, or hiring practices.

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

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*

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**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.**

Several parishes hosted/joined with other churches, community organizations in June 2019 for Lights for Liberty.

The Social Justice Commission hosted a day conference "Bending Toward Justice" in January 2020. Wider interest was generated but the momentum came to a standstill as congregations had to pivot to adjusting to on line worship, etc.

Several parishes partnered with National Parks Service in ringing their church bells on August 25, 2019 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of enslaved persons in colonial territories on this continent. Prayers and speeches, clergy and lay, and the Bishop was present at the joint service of Grace, Great Barrington and St. Paul's in Stockbridge. One of the members of our commission invited the administration of Tanglewood Music Festival to ring "bells" before the season finale of Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Spreading the word of 2019 reached several thousand people that day.  
<https://seenandheard-international.com/2019/08/the-bsos-profound-and-powerful-season-finale-at-tanglewood/>  
<https://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/bso-tanglewood-finale-sorrow-and-joy,583100>

The Bishop and South Berkshire Clergy were prominent attendees/witnesses at an event in Great Barrington commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of the W.E.B. DuBois Homesite. Lee Cheek, commission member represented the faith community by serving on a panel with local leaders and members of black community of NY-MA associated with DuBois. The Grace Episcopal Church Choir joined with local high school choristers to sing.  
<https://www.sbrsd.org/arts-department-blog/previous/2>

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**8a-1. Public Witness Document Upload -- 8a-1. Cargar Documento de Testimonio Público**

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

2019 The Cross & the Lynching Tree-James Cone  
2020 Jesus & the Disinherited-Howard Thurman

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**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.**

Sacred Ground dialogue circles - *Círculos de diálogo de Suelo Sagrado*  
Racial healing, reconciliation and justice pilgrimages - *Peregrinaciones de reparación, reconciliación y justicia raciales*  
Liturgies of repentance and lament - *Liturgias de arrepentimiento y lamento*  
Incorporation of non-dominant cultural expressions in diocesan liturgy - *Incorporación en la liturgia diocesana de expresiones culturales no dominantes*  
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*

**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.**

Many priests in the diocese have preached on race, especially after the murder of George Floyd. This survey has prompted us to construct an easily accessible archive and invite clergy to submit these sermons. Bishop Fisher has preached on race and his sermons and blog posts are archived.

Sacred Ground circles began at St. John's Williamstown last summer and that parish now has 3 more groups beginning in July 2020. A group in South Berkshire County begins in August. There may be other groups but we realize it would be good to connect all the groups throughout the diocese.

This July we had two 2-session zoom book discussions on Thurman's Jesus and the Disinherited, our choice for diocesan wide BBC book read 2020.

There was at least one parish that watched the new film of Just Mercy (which was our diocesan book selection in 2017).

Professor Charles Dew, Williams College, author of The Making of a Racist, will participate in a zoom webinar at Grace Church, Great Barrington, 7-16-20.

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**10. Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) or Office of Government Relations - 10. Red Episcopal de Política Pública (EPPN) u Oficina de Relaciones Gubernamentales**

No - No

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**13. Re-entry and Prison Ministries - 13. Ministerio de reinserción social y de prisión**

Women - Mujeres

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**16. Immigration Reform - 16. Reforma migratoria**

Local Engagement - Participación local

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**18. Housing Access for Communities and People of Color - 18. Acceso a la vivienda para comunidades y personas de color**

Local Engagement - Participación local

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**19. Racial Justice - 19. Justicia racial**

Learning - Aprendizaje

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**21. Environmental Racism and Eco-justice - 21. Racismo medioambiental y ecojusticia**

Learning - Aprendizaje

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**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.**

Local engagement with immigration reform--several parishes in Berkshire County are involved with Berkshire Interfaith Organizing who provided training for several Episcopalians who accompany immigrants to check-ins with ICE and court appearances.

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullit-Jonas, Climate Care Missioner, Diocese of WMA and UCC, preaches to diocesan congregations regularly and provides national witness to these efforts, including the intersection of race and climate.

The Diocese has several outside the building "cathedral" ministries in public spaces. Cathedral of the Beloved in Pittsfield,MA, is hosting a "Building the Beloved Community Middle School Adventure in Community & Justice" serving meals 4 Sundays and 3 weekly zoom meetings covering history of racism in this country, current events, and justice and faith, July and August 2020.

There is one women's prison in the diocese and we have a priest/chaplain there. (Not a diocesan effort.)

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