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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

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;

Please describe these Truth and Reconciliation process efforts:

We hosted a Lenten series entitled "Repentance, Confession, and Reconciliation: Racism and the Christian Life." Five different speakers presented on the five Sundays in Lent, and all of them addressed, in some form or fashion, the reality of racism in the Church; and, in particular, the Episcopal Church.

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?

I Don't Know

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

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

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

We've held several conversations around race over the last year, mostly for persons in the congregation. Included in this effort is entering into "Sacred Ground."

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
Preaching on race and racism

Please describe the efforts related to the boxes checked above:

A year ago we began an informal dialogue and discernment in the congregation group around race. In the fall of 2020 we watched with one another "Race: The Power of an Illusion." During Lent, we hosted a speaker series on Racism and the Christian Life. And in May of this year, we began "Sacred Ground." We have also been more forthright in addressing issues of race from the pulpit.

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: None of the above

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
