

Pledge of Faith and Action Against Racial Injustice

Q: What is the mission of the Church? A: The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q: How does the Church pursue its mission? A: The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q: Through whom does the Church carry out its mission? A: The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members. – An Outline of the Faith (Book of Common Prayer, p. 855)

I acknowledge and promise to reject injustice stemming from racism within my thoughts or actions. I will commit to accomplishing one or more acts of reconciliation as I reflect upon practices aligned with Jesus and beloved community. I will “turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice and freedom.”

Getting Started: Resource List

Books

Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry
The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community by Stephanie Spellers
Resurrection Hope: A Future where Black Lives Matter by Kelly Brown Douglas
The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone
Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage by Steven Charleston
Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace by Osheta Moore
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-Blindness by Michele Alexander
The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein
The Thomas Indian School and the "Irredeemable" Children of New York by Keith R. Burich
The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery by Sarah Augustine

Films & Videos

<i>The Hate U Give</i>	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5580266/
<i>13th</i>	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5895028/
<i>Just Mercy</i>	https://www.justmercyfilm.com/
<i>My Name is Pauli Murray</i>	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11092594/
<i>Eyes on the Prize PBS Documentary</i>	https://www.pbs.org/show/eyes-on-the-prize/

Podcasts

A Brave Space with Dr. Meeks	https://abravespace.buzzsprout.com/
The Soul of the Nation with Jim Wallis	https://sojo.net/sections/podcasts
Still Processing	https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/still-processing/id1151436460
Pod for the Cause	https://civilrights.org/podforthecause/#
Dear Asian Americans	https://www.justlikemedia.com/show/dear-asian-americans/

Websites with Resources

ecfVital Practices, Racial Justice Resources/Recursos de Justicia Racial (Episcopal Church Foundation)	https://www.ecfvp.org/racialjustice/read
Indigenous Ministries, Anglican Church of Canada	https://www.anglican.ca/im/
Mission Institute	http://themissioninstitute.org/

Training

Sacred Ground	https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/
Becoming Beloved Community: Understanding Systemic Racism	https://blog.churchnext.tv/2022/01/31/just-launched-becoming-beloved-community-understanding-systemic-racism/

Wondering What to Do to Dismantle Racism?

Here are suggestions to get you going. Find something that works for you or use these as idea starters to generate your own. Our listing below is not intended to be comprehensive.

Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression

LEARN

PRAY

ACT

Ideas to pursue on your own

Explore books, podcasts, films on racial history, white supremacy & seeking justice (see resource list)

Make time for daily reflection (see resource list)

Speak up/Hold a conversation about racism and injustice, Break white silence

Explore Racial Reconciliation resources from The Episcopal Church (see resource list)

Write and share a prayer for racial lament, justice, and reconciliation

Write letters/connect with Episcopal Public Policy Network and follow Action Alerts

Work through "Talking about Race" (the Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Museum online curriculum)

Explore the Anti-Racism Devotional: Sacred Text through an Anti-Racist Lens (www.antiracistdevotional.org)

Support/participate with social justice and interfaith community initiatives in your area

Ideas to pursue in community with others or as a parish

Host/participate in Dismantling Racism, Implicit Bias training (see resource list)

Include racial justice prayers and liturgies in worship

Bring people together in courageous dialogue to tell their stories (See resource list)

Host a pilgrimage, book study, film viewing event with discussion

Host/Join a prayer vigil focused on racial justice; Sponsor a donation

Coordinate with social justice organizations, events, and interfaith activities

Examine Church/Parish policy, practice, and procedure for racial disparity and correct

Organize a contemplation service using Becoming Beloved Community Labyrinth

Be a voice to live the Gospel in community; Get involved in community conversations