

Commission on Racial Healing Report for 183 Diocesan Convention

In the past year, the Racial Reconciliation Commission has been reimagined. Now called the Commission for Racial Healing, our primary focus is hosting Dismantling Racism Trainings in the diocese. Our members have spent many weeks meeting with Dr. Catherine Meeks, of the Absalom Jones Center in Atlanta, preparing to host trainings. In-person trainings that had been scheduled for late spring had to be canceled due to COVID-19 related lockdowns, and now we are planning to begin offering online training session options before the end of 2020. Training workshops remain our priority, but we recognize that parishes need resources for education and to facilitate conversations around racial justice. To that end, we have been working to update our resource page on the diocesan website to include current books, movies, and other materials as well as studies that will facilitate meaningful conversations and education. The Commission for Racial Healing is deeply committed to engaging in faithful conversations and providing training around the realities of racial justice in our parishes, communities, and our world.

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