

Commission for Racial Healing: Diocesan Convention Report 2021  
Submitted by The Rev. Liz Embler-Beazley, Chair

As members of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana is committed to healing and wholeness for all of God's people. To this end, we have faithfully engaged in racial healing work through Dismantling Racism Trainings. Last year, the Commission for Racial Healing set our main priority as hosting these trainings for the people of our diocese and our surrounding communities. We are proud to report that since Diocesan Convention 2020, the Commission for Racial Healing has hosted four virtual Dismantling Racism Training sessions and follow up sessions, as well as one in person training at Trinity Episcopal Church New Orleans. A total of 67 individuals have attended and completed the course, 26 clergy and 41 lay. Our commission is growing in experience and in numbers, as we've added five new members this year. Our primary focus will continue to be education as we plan to host Dismantling Racism Trainings virtually and in person throughout the year. Please see the diocesan website for more information about trainings and dates. We are also looking at ways to expand our offerings for continuing education. *Please note that all are invited to attend these trainings.* We are grateful to continue in this important work with all of you.

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