

Beloved Community News

The other parts of the body



Beloved Community Initiative

(The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh)

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) seeks to promote the liberating and reconciling love of Jesus Christ, particularly as it relates to racial justice and reconciliation. The BCI will serve specifically to develop strategies, as informed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Baptismal Covenant and our diocesan mission.

Why is there racism in the church?

Baptismal Promise: Strive for justice and peace among all people & respect the dignity of every human being.

If the Episcopal Church proclaims the above as an identity marker and covenant promise to God, "why is there racism in the church?"

Do Black lives really matter? Do Asian lives matter? Do Indigenous lives matter? Do Brown lives matter? Do Immigrant lives matter? It's time we got to know the other parts of the body!



Core Question:

How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers? What activities, practices, learning and experiences would (trans)form us? How will we share stories and grow relationship?



Core Question:

What institutions and systems bear the signs of racial injustice? How will we participate in the repair, restoration and healing of people, institutions and systems?

1

LOVE

Love God, neighbor and enemy.

2

TEACH

Teach God with us, God for us, God in us.

3

HEAL

Heal the person, the church and the world.

90 DAY RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE (AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER)

- For 21 days, do one action to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. This can be done within a group of friends, an organization or workplace, or on your own. (Adapted from the work of Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. And Debby Irving's "21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenges," www.eddiemoorej.com)
- Join others in a "Service of Sharing and Celebration" (week 4)
- Repeat over a three month period.

1

READ

Read a book or an article. "Oh yeah and the Bible!"

2

LISTEN

Podcast is a thing!

3

WATCH

Videos or movies
Binging anyone?

4

WRITE

Journal about your journey.

5

CONNECT

Who's doing what?

6

ENGAGE

Engage with the other parts of the body.

7

ACT

Do something!

8

PRAY

Start and finish everything with God.

"Church we have a problem!"

Church it is time to change! How can we expect the world around us to be transformed if we aren't? Dismantling racism and achieving reconciliation in the church begins with education and dialogue. We can start now and it can be self directed. Join us in this 90 day challenge and discover how we can begin

showing the world that we are Jesus disciples and that we are growing to love one another. Let's connect the dots and show we mean what we say and our covenant is our identity and our activity. Let's begin repairing the breach, repairing the world by repairing the church. That begins with you! The Beloved Community Initiative invites you to the challenge! Get disrupted and get to know the other parts of the body.

21-Day Challenge Tracking Tool

Try to complete at least one action per row each day.
Diversify your habits by doing some of each.



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