

RESOLUTION 2

TO: The 182nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky
FROM: The Peace and Justice Division of the Dept. of Justice & Jubilee
SUBJECT: To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018)

Resolved, That the Diocese of Kentucky, following the example set by the 2009 General Convention by adopting resolution 142 To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018), recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing to work against the sin of racism and be it further

Resolved, That the Diocesan continue to deliver anti-racism training that examines factors and circumstances which maintain racism in the Church and in civil society; and be it further

Resolved, That all parishes of this diocese receive anti-racism training if they have not already done so or renew training that has been previously taken;

EXPLANATION

We would lift up to this convention the principles of an ecumenical organization of which The Episcopal Church is a member, Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC). This organization, which consists of nine Protestant denominations working in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation, has identified the sin of racism as the chief impediment to Christian collaboration and unity. CUIC has asked that we hold ourselves and each other accountable for eliminating racism in our churches and in civil society. We think that it is essential to continue to lift up these two key points if we are to create the "beloved community" of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke:

“We are to name racism as a sin”; and

“We are to hold each other accountable for its elimination.”

Therefore, we want to pledge ourselves to continue to name and shine the light of Christ on all of those places where racism and other forms of oppression still exist and to hold ourselves and our sisters and brothers in Christ and all of the faith and secular communities accountable for our individual, collective, and institutional acts of both courage and cowardice, acknowledging that our faintheartedness and our refusal to confront evil and, wherever and whenever it exists, denigrates our professed love for Jesus and the imperative of the Gospel.