

RESOLUTION #6

Anti-Racism Commission

Whereas: At the 73rd General Convention in Denver, Colorado in 2000, a resolution was passed requiring all “lay and ordained leadership of the Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies and boards” to take anti-racism training. This resolution was intended to call us to a deeper awareness of the prejudices we unwittingly carry and levy against others. It was and remains an effort to bring about healing and reconciliation in the church by increasing awareness about the sin of racism.

And whereas: The 74th General Convention in 2003 and the 75th General Convention in 2006 continued to call attention to the ways racism tears at the fabric of our unity, we have far to go in understanding the role racism has played in our church and in this diocese.

Resolved: That this 124th Convention of the diocese of East Carolina does now commit itself to engage the churches of our diocese in a Christ-like formation process through dialogue and training offered by the newly forming Anti-Racism Commission, and be it further

Resolved: That the lay and ordained leadership of the diocese of East Carolina, including professional staff and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies and boards be required to take anti-racism training as provided by the diocese of East Carolina Anti-Racism Commission, and be it further

Resolved: That the newly forming Anti-Racism Commission report to the 125th Diocesan Convention on its “urgent and vital work for us as we seek to be about the ministry of reconciliation.”

Respectfully submitted,

The Anti-Racism Commission of the Diocese of East Carolina

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RESOLUTION #2

Anti-racism Commission

WHEREAS, at the 73rd General Convention in 2000 and at the 124th Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina in 2007 a resolution was passed requiring all “lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies and boards” to take anti-racism training.

RESOLVED, that the lay and ordained leadership of the parishes, and of the committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the Diocese of East Carolina commit to participating in Anti-racism Workshop training sessions for the purpose of engaging in this Christ-like formation process of personal growth toward seeing the face of God in each other.

RESOLVED, that the Anti-racism Commission continue to offer anti-racism training in workshops and, offer regularly scheduled, Anti-racism Workshops per deanery annually beginning in the fall of 2011 and, report to the 129th Diocesan Convention on the progress of the work of the Commission in its ministry of promoting dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation.

On behalf of The Diocese of East Carolina’s Anti-Racism Commission

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