

Why is this important?

Dr. Catherine Meeks the executive director of the Absalom Jones Center says, "Dismantling racism is about working on your internal self to the degree that we are willing to let ourselves be set free so that then we can take down the structures that keep others from being free." This work is not about shame or guilt. Rather it is about learning together. As Maya Angelou says, "When you know better, you do better."

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, "We shall either learn to live together as brothers and sisters or we will perish together as fools. The choice is ours."

Part of Jesus's work on earth was challenging the structures that divided people and pushed some people out: those who were sick or outcasts, poor or considered "less than". Part of our purpose here is to continue Jesus's work to take apart systems and structures of injustice that we've inherited. In fact, we are already called to do that through our Baptismal Covenant.