

# BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

The Episcopal Church's Long-Term Commitment  
to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice

## Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

What racial, cultural and ethnic groups are in our church?

Who is around us?  
What groups shape our common life, leadership and worship?

How has our church excluded or embraced different racial, cultural and ethnic groups over time?

## Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions

What social institutions and systems most clearly bear the signs of racial injustice and brokenness?

How could we participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems?



## Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

How has our town/city/area participated in racial injustice or racial healing over time?

What is happening today?

What do we and our neighbors dream for Beloved Community?

What behaviors and commitments would foster it?

## Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers?

What activities, practices, learning and experiences would (trans)form us?


How will we share and receive stories, grow relationship across dividing walls and seek Christ in each other?

## Telling the Truth about our Churches and Race

**Baptismal Promise:** Persevere in resisting evil and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

**Core Questions:** What racial/cultural/ethnic groups are in our church? Who have we excluded or included?

**Steps along the Way:**

-  Demographic Census of the Church and Neighborhood
- Racial Justice Audit of Church Structures and Systems

## Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

**Baptismal Promise:** Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

**Core Questions:** How has our city/town/area participated in racial injustice or healing over time? What's happening today?  
What is our dream for Beloved Community? What behaviors and practices foster it?

**Steps along the Way:**

- Regional, Public Sacred Listening and Learning Engagements



## Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

**Baptismal Promise:** Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

**Core Questions:** 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?

**Steps along the Way:**

- Sacred Ground Film-Dialogue Series on Race
- Beloved Community StorySharing Campaign
- Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing
- Reconciliation and Justice Pilgrimages
- Multi-lingual, Multi-generational Formation, Training and Liturgical Resources



## Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions

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

**Core Questions:** 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?

**Steps along the Way**

- Criminal Justice Reform and Re-Entry Collaboratives with Formerly Incarcerated People
- Partnership with St. Augustine's and Vorhees, the Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Immigration and Refugee Reform via Episcopal Migration Ministries, Office of Government Relations and other advocacy

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