

RACIAL HEALING COMMISSION

The Racial Healing Commission of the Diocese of East Carolina reorganized during the summer of 2020. Previously, the diocesan Racial Reconciliation Commission was tasked with organizing and leading multicultural competency trainings by using the “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other” curriculum of the Episcopal Church.

The killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and the unrest that unfolded across the nation during the summer of 2020 prompted many within the diocese to discern what God was calling the Episcopal Church in East Carolina to do in order to promote healing and justice. Under Bishop Skirving’s direction, a new team has been formed as of September 2020. Since that time the Racial Healing Commission has been involved in an intentional process of discernment. Asking ourselves what it is God is calling us to do and be as the Church in East Carolina. This has included the sharing of our hopes for the general direction of this commission’s work, contributing stories and prayers to the Journey of East Carolina, and learning how other dioceses around the Episcopal Church have organized for this ministry of Racial Healing. As of this writing we remain committed to this process of discerning and organizing. It is our hope that this body will become a source for diocesan wide formation opportunities around issues of race and racial injustice. And that we may assist in guiding the diocese as a whole in discerning how to become a body of healing and reconciliation. We ask that as we answer God’s call for us and finalize our organizational structures that you would keep us in your prayers.

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