

Episcopal Diocese of Oregon
Report to the 133rd Annual Meeting of Convention
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Engaging Racial Justice Working Group

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Members at large: The Rev. Alcena Boozer (Chaplain), Gary Forner, the Rev. Ernestein Flemister, the Rev. Shauna McCauley, Monica Martinez McLachlan, the Rev. Ryan Baker-Fones, Bernadine Clay, Daniel Jones, Faith Curammeng, Hana Rubens, the Rev. Beto Arciniega, Barbara Millikan, the Rev. Christine Hertlein

Activities Report

- The working group as a whole meets bi-monthly; leadership team meets twice per month
- Long-term planning has included developing a mission and vision for the working group guided by the question *“If the Diocese of Oregon were to undergo a powerful transformation of racial reconciliation through the power of the Holy Spirit, what specific qualities and characteristics would we see?”*. Members of the working group are in the process of reaching out to parishes with this same question to gather feedback.
- The working group has developed and sponsored a Zoom speaker series featuring Taylor Stewart of the Oregon Remembrance Project, Dr. Sandra Montes, Dean of Chapel of Union Divinity School, and Dr. Luhui Whitebear, Executive Director of the Native American Longhouse at OSU which will begin January of 2022.
- The working group, in collaboration with Trinity Cathedral, is supporting and developing a storytelling pilot project to be rolled out in 2022

Expenditures \$401.07 (non-refundable deposit for canceled retreat)

2021 Goals Progress

- Despite having to cancel a fall retreat, the working group has been working faithfully toward articulating a vision of our work within the diocese
- We have centered relationship building within our working group and have built trust and friendship across racial and cultural difference
- The working group is committed to being comprised of a majority of people of color and our membership reflects this value

2022 Goals

- Continue to discern and articulate a vision of racial reconciliation with the Diocese of Oregon and begin to develop a plan to work toward that vision
- Gather as a group for a planning retreat
- Speaker Series continue into fall of 2022
- Roll out storytelling pilot