

Subject: A-123 and A-143 response
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Bishop Price asked me to respond to the request of the Rev. John Kitagawa as to the status of compliance with resolutions A-123 and A-143.

A-123

The diocese of Pittsburgh has not declared a Day of Repentance or held a service.

A-143

Due to the walkout of leadership and lawsuits that resulted in Pittsburgh in 2008, we did not have a set of archives that were open and available to researchers until Fall of 2011. There is some attention to African Americans in the history of the diocese published under the auspices of the Anglican Church in North America a year after the split, but this does not fully cover the scope of the resolution. The chair of the commission on Racism for the diocese contacted local universities and has arranged with the chair of the Carnegie Mellon University History Department, Joe Trotter, (who is an African-American history specialist) to send an intern to do preliminary work for a history of blacks in our diocese from 1786 to the present. Since our diocese did not separate from the Diocese of Pennsylvania until 1865, most of our focus will be on the experience of blacks in the post civil war period.

Sincerely,

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