

THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

An Opportunity For Christian Action

A POSITION STATEMENT

The Union of Black Episcopalians, formerly the Union of Black Clergy and Laity is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Contrary to the belief of many, its membership is not limited to black people. However, its efforts are directed toward the involvement of black people in the total life of the church — on every level and in every way — mission, stewardship, evangelism, education, sharing, liberation, empowerment. To translate these words into action is the Christian commitment of all Episcopalians and at all levels of the Church's mission. Black people must be involved in the decision making process of General Convention, in the choices made in dioceses and parishes and certainly in the hearts and minds of men and women and especially black people.

One of the major reasons for the existence of the Union is to institute and exert an all out effort to eradicate every vestige of racism within the church and wherever it may exist. The viability of the Episcopal Church will depend to a degree and extent churchmen are able to contribute to that viability.