



The Episcopal Church
in the Diocese of Alabama

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Dear John,

Apparently you have not received the response to these questions, which I completed at the Fourth Province Synod in June. I will make another attempt here.

The Diocese of Alabama has engaged with Resolution A143 in the past two years. We have had a Service of Repentance this past August on the Feast Day of Jonathan Daniels, for which I preached and celebrated with several hundred members of our diocese and others from the Central Gulf Coast.

Our responses to A143 can be summarized as follows:

Our Race Relations Committee, in existence since 2002 or so, has gathered stories from across the diocese describing realities of racism and of civil rights justice work in our diocese, which will be published.

The committee has developed a remarkable timeline sharing the history of this diocese in regard to race relations, from slavery to the Civil Rights Movement to the present. It has been placed on large boards and presented to our convention twice and displayed at other diocesan events.

The committee planned and executed what we named a "Service of Remembrance, Repentance, and Reconciliation" at our annual Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage on August 13, 2011 in Hayneville, Alabama. The service leaflet is enclosed, along with my sermon. It was a moving day.

The committee is continuing to offer anti-racism training and other efforts to keep this diocese engaged with what they call "Past Imperfect, Future Hope."

I hope this is what you need. All best,

Yours faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr.