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Subject: RE: Dio Cal Racial Reconciliation Task Force

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To: 'David Ota' <dyota@mindspring.com>, <gstraub@episcopalchurch.org>

CC: David Hales <dhales@episcopalarchives.org>

David,

Thanks for your email.

The Executive Council's Anti-Racism Committee has already submitted its Blue Book report, so the Dio of CA's resolution and subsequent will not be included. However, the Archives have been collecting materials related to the cited GC resolution and various dioceses. So, I would suggest you touch base with David Hales – dhales@episcopalarchives.org. He can tell you how best to submit materials, which have been put on a website with other dioceses' work.

Thanks,

John

From: David Ota [<mailto:dyota@mindspring.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 6:03 PM

To: gstraub@episcopalchurch.org; john.kitagawa@stphilipstucson.org

Subject: FW: Dio Cal Racial Reconciliation Task Force

Dear Gregory and John,

Aloha! I am writing you on behalf of the Diocese of California's Racial Reconciliation Task Force. We had been working since the last triennium on A-143 as noted in the diocesan resolution passed in October 2009:

2009 Diocesan Convention: Resolutions - Study on Slavery

Study on the Complicity of "The Diocese of California" in the Institution of Slavery

This resolution was approved by the 160th Convention on October 17, 2009.

Resolved, That the 160th Convention of the Diocese of California directs the Executive Council to establish a Task Force to respond to Resolution A143 of the 2009 General Convention, to "gather information in its community on (1) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination, (2) examples of resistance to slavery and discrimination and (3) the economic benefits derived by the Episcopal Church from the transatlantic slave trade and the institution of slavery;"

Resolved, That the Task Force consult with the Anti-Racism Committee of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church for resources to aid them in doing this work including historical research that pertains to the Episcopal Church in California;

Resolved, That the information gathering be used as the foundation for truth-telling, confession, apology, forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation;

Resolved, That the 160th Convention of the Diocese of California requests that the Bishop name a Day of Repentance and on that day hold a Service of Repentance as requested by Resolution 2006-A123; and

Resolved, That the Task Force Report its findings to the Executive Council by September 2010, 2011 and 2012 and the Diocesan Conventions in 2010, 2011 and 2012 as requested in Resolution 2009-A143.

Explanation

The passage of Resolution A 123 in 2006, which urged dioceses to research those instances where "they were complicit in or profited from the institution of Transatlantic Slavery," has inspired eight dioceses to respond to this call to action and has affirmed two dioceses who had already begun this work. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies have apologized on behalf of The Episcopal Church for its part in the maintenance of slavery. As the Diocese of California did not initially respond to this effort, this resolution is asking the Executive Council of the Diocese of California to appoint a Task Force to undertake this work.

Submitted by the Rev. David Ota, Clergy Deputy to General Convention 2009.

Co-sponsors - the Rev. Michael Barlowe, the Rev. Vanessa Glass, the Rev. Barbara Bender-Breck, the Rev. Sylvia Vasquez, Rev. Richard Helmer, the Rev. Kate Salinaro, Warren Wong, Rod Dugliss, Sarah Lawton, Holly McAlpen, Barbara Bisel

We have engaged in research to look for evidence of the Diocese of California in the institution of slavery and will be making a final report this year to our Executive Council and Diocesan Convention. We would like to know if we should be reporting our findings to the General Convention or the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Below you can see the e-mail from Bonnie Anderson who recommended that I contact the two of you for further guidance.

Yours,

David Ota, Clergy Deputy, Diocese of California

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Subject: RE: Dio Cal Racial Reconciliation Task Force

Happy New Year, David.

I assume you are asking about the report from dioceses in compliance with A-143?

I suggest you ask Gregory what provisions will be made for receiving the reports. You might also contact John Kitagwa to determine if the Anti-racism committee has asked for any provisions to receive these reports.

I look forward to seeing you at PB&F.

Peace, Bonnie

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From: David Ota [<mailto:dyota@mindspring.com>]
Sent: Tue 1/10/2012 1:45 AM
To: Bonnie Anderson; Diane Pollard
Subject: Dio Cal Racial Reconciliation Task Force

Dear Bonnie and Diane,

Aloha and Happy New Year! I am writing you on behalf of the Diocese of California's Racial Reconciliation Task Force which attempted to complete a study on the effect of slavery in the Diocese of California. The diocesan task force is meeting on Thursday and they will be talking about how to prepare to make a presentation at General Convention. My question is to whom do we report our findings, such as they are?

I look forward to seeing you both at the Program, Budget and Finance Committee meeting. I hope you are healing well Diane. I had arthroscopic knee surgery on December 27th on my right knee, and am able to work with some pain. I will probably need a knee replacement when I can no longer

stand the pain. Today is my first day back to work, so I am up a bit late.

Blessings to you both and see you soon.

Yours,

David Ota

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