



# The Episcopal Church Diocese of Delaware

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Dear David:

Thank you for your inquiry. I am pleased to report that the Diocese of Delaware has been actively engaged in responding to General Convention Resolution A-143.

In order to give you a sense of what has been happening here, I am enclosing several items. These include a summary report including past events and on-going activities, a copy of our diocesan study on the involvement of the Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery in Delaware, and the program for our Diocesan Day of Repentance service. There was broad participation from around the diocese in all these events.

If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright  
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**DIOCESE OF DELAWARE**  
2008 GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION A143

The Diocese of Delaware has implemented this Resolution A143, beginning with significant numbers attending and participating in the Service of Repentance and Renewal at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

The Diocese of Delaware continued its work on this resolution by affirming A143 in Convention, and forming a research committee to do study and report on Delaware parishes' historical participation in the institution of slavery. The work revealed that local participation was mixed, due in part because Delaware was a "border" state.

- The Committee reported their results at the 224<sup>th</sup> Delaware Diocesan Convention. (See enclosed full report)
- A second committee planned and carried out a "Service of Repentance for Slavery in the Diocese of Delaware" on October 30, 2010. (See enclosed service bulletin). The attendance at the Cathedral Church of St. John was near over-flow levels.
- A resolution was moved and adopted at the 226<sup>th</sup> Delaware Diocesan Convention to continue our "journey of transformation".
- We encouraged a diocesan wide "one diocese, one book" reading of Dr. Bertice Berry's: The Ties That Bind – A Memoir of Race, Memory, and Redemption.
- Dr. Berry spent a day with us discussing her book and personal walk of redemption on March 26, 2011. (See enclosed program agenda)
- On June 27, 2011 members of a long standing small group in our diocese which studies, discusses, develops and facilitates awareness workshops on anti-racism presented to our Diocesan Council a 3-year strategy to continue the work of transformation.