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Dear John:

I regret to report that the Diocese of Maine has not responded to A143 and has not held a "Day of Repentance and Service of Repentance." In fact, Maine does not have a functioning anti-racism group or task force. For many years, the Diocese did have such a group, but it fell to the wayside several years ago and has not been picked up.

We are working with "new Mainers", immigrants from Africa and Central and South America, who are being resettled in the greater Portland area. The greater Portland community is receiving significant numbers refugees from the Sudan, from Somalia and from Latin America, and several of our churches are actively engaged with these folk.

The Diocese of Maine also sponsored General Convention resolution C059, "The Disavowal of the Doctrine of Discovery", which was adopted at the last General Convention. We have an active Committee on Indian Relations which advocates for the rights of native Mainers.

I hope this report is of help in your work.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane
Bishop of Maine

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