

Subject: Day of Repentance and Reconciliation for Mississippi
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Dear John,

Attached is a letter sent to all clergy and congregations last fall detailing the latest efforts in Mississippi to address our past. Our liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation is scheduled for the site of the old Trailways Bus Station and the Cathedral Saturday, May 21. This is in conjunction with our city and state's week long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders.

We have also commissioned three historians to delve into our past to help us understand the relationship between the Episcopal Church in Mississippi, slavery and Jim Crowe. Their initial research was shared in presentations at our Diocesan Convention four years ago. They have since been published. Their work continues with grants.

Several years ago we had a year-long celebration of the historically African-American Churches in Mississippi which helped spur much of the above.

Hope this is helpful. Mississippi is not always last in everything.

Faithfully,

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