

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2022-C033  
**Title:** Encourage Sacred Ground Curriculum  
**Proposer:** Iowa  
**Topic:** Racism

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### Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A043      Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
2018-A044      Set Essential Components of Anti-Racism or Racial Reconciliation Training  
2018-A045      Reaffirm and Report on Anti-Racism Training  
2000-B049      Require Anti-Racism Training

### Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2018-A207      Affirm Beloved Community as a Global Community  
2018-A228      Create a Beloved Community Summit

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.*

# C033 - Encourage Sacred Ground Curriculum

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Iowa

**Endorsed by:** Province VI

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 14 - Christian Formation & Discipleship

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That this 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby directs and encourages the continued church-wide usage of the Sacred Ground Curriculum.

## Explanation

The Diocese of Iowa has been encouraging the use of this curriculum for the last couple of years, and the groups that have used it have found it enormously helpful. We would like to see it widely promoted and used.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A043  
**Title:** Revise Mandate for Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:*

**“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:**

**Recognizing and developing its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation; recommending best practices for dismantling racism training; collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 for providing anti-racism training; and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis.”**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 667-668.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A044  
**Title:** Set Essential Components of Anti-Racism or Racial Reconciliation Training  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that widely different criteria have been used across the Church to determine if the completion of anti-racism training required in Title III and resolution 2000-B049 has been satisfied; and be it further  
*Resolved*, that The Episcopal Church recognizes that in order to maintain a common theological framework in our commitment to dismantle the sin of racism that these specific components are essential to include in any Episcopal Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training:

- 1) Liturgy, preferably a celebration of Eucharist when possible or other corporate worship, grounding the work in scripture and spiritual formation  
(Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community)
- 2) An Historical Component—including but not limited to (and, as appropriate to the context where the training is offered): The Episcopal Church's role in slavery, its history with segregation and discrimination of people of color, the Doctrine of Discovery, The Episcopal Church's role in taking indigenous children from their families through our participation in the boarding school system, and the Church's responses to racism through the years.  
(Telling the Truth about the Church and Race)
- 3) An Information or Didactic Component—including, but not limited to: the Baptismal Covenant, power, class, race, racism, internalized racial privilege, internalized racial oppression, implicit racial bias, intercultural awareness and communication, becoming co-conspirators in dismantling racism, and envisioning racial reconciliation.  
(Repairing the Breach)
- 4) Engagement—including, but not limited to: establishing respectful communication guidelines, discussion, Bible Study, and other activities as indicated to accomplish learning objectives for these components.  
(Practicing the Way of Love);

And be it further

*Resolved*, that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism continue to collect and develop, in collaboration with the staff, Christian Formation professionals, and The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, resources and best practices for dismantling racism that can be shared online to aide in the consistent fulfillment of the requirement for anti-racism training for lay and ordained leaders across the Church.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 668.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A045  
**Title:** Reaffirm and Report on Anti-Racism Training  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That we acknowledge that not all dioceses have followed the spirit of the anti-racism training required in Title III or General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership; and be it further*

*Resolved, That we acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention re-affirms the necessity and importance of anti-racism training for the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to committees, commissions, agencies, task forces, and boards; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and The Episcopal Church staff, The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing and Christian Formation professionals be encouraged to work together to continue to expand the resources available for trainings that can be adapted to different contexts and that address the multiplicity and intersectionality of oppressions that exist in society, and maintain online a recommended list of curricula and programs as they are developed, that could be used for anti-racism training and for training facilitators; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church are also expected to engage in ongoing spiritual formation and education focused on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as part of our Church's commitment to Becoming Beloved Community; and be it further*

*Resolved, That each committee, commission, agency, task force, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who have participated in training, and annually report to the Executive Council through the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism by January 1 each year, how many people have participated in training and what other Becoming Beloved Community formation opportunities have been offered and that the Council report on this information to future General Conventions until such time as the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism or its succeeding body determines it is no longer necessary.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 669.



**Resolution Number:** 2000-B049  
**Title:** Require Anti-Racism Training  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That beginning on September 1, 2000 the lay and ordained leadership of the Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards be required to take anti-racism training and receive certification of such training; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Executive Council select and authorize appropriate programs that will be used at the national level; that each province select and authorize appropriate programs that will be used at the provincial level; and that each diocese select and authorize appropriate programs that will be used at the diocesan and parochial levels, each province and diocese to determine those lay and clergy leaders who are to take the training; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Standing Commission on National Concerns continues to develop a list of such appropriate resources; and be it further*

*Resolved, That each national committee, commission, agency, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who are trainers and those who have been trained, and forward this information to the Executive Council by January 1, 2003, and every two years thereafter, and the Council report on this information to the 74th and 75th General Conventions.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 2000* (New York: General Convention, 2001), p. 603.