



## Formation in the Diocese of NC –

### Racial Reckoning, Justice & Healing

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### Racial Reckoning, Justice & Healing

- **Save the date- The Episcopal Church Sacred Ground Gathering**, November 8-10, 2024  
Durham, NC All participants and facilitators are encouraged to participate. Signup for the [TEC Sacred Ground Newsletter](#) to get more information as it becomes available. Scroll down for the form on the home page of the Sacred Ground Website
- **Bearing Witness**  
"Bearing Witness" is the new, free, video-based study program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) that shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world. Would you like to experience Bearing Witness before offering the course or before you facilitate? You'll want to join the 5-week August 6 - September 3 12:00 – 1:30 PM diocesan-wide class to experience the course before you facilitate the course. [Register here](#)
- **Reparations and Restitution – [find all of resources to start your journey here](#)**  
"In this season of new beginnings, we invite your congregation to review the curriculum, to pray and discern, and then to commit and engage in this life-giving work. One of Jesus' gospel promises to his followers is that we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free." - From the bishops' pastoral letter
- **Start Here: A Guide on First Steps to Approaching Reparations Work** | An Offering from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's Reparations and Restitution Ministry  
Find Resources [Here](#) (scroll down to History Resources)  
Link directly to the [document here](#)

- **Fall 2024 Introduction to Dismantling Racism**

Our Diocesan Anti-Racism training supports ongoing work and the ministry of the Diocese. We strongly recommend the workshop to anyone in leadership in parishes, organizations, Diocesan committees, and governing groups. Racial healing and reconciliation are fundamental to our ongoing spiritual formation. Please join us for this interactive workshop designed to deepen our spiritual commitment to dismantle racism as participants in the Jesus movement

Jul 26-27 <https://bit.ly/DRJuly24>

August 2-3 <https://bit.ly/DRAug24> (New date added)

Sep 27-28 <https://bit.ly/DRSept24>

Email Jenny Beaumont to be added to the waiting list for July or September

- **Sacred Ground – Film, and Readings about faith, race and justice |**

Do you want to go deeper in your understanding of race and faith? Have you wanted to offer Sacred Ground for your church but wanted to experience it first? This is your chance to experience the program. With this program, we want to offer a way for people across the Diocese to participate in this transformative program and offer it in their churches and communities.

[Register Here](#) to let us know you are interested in the next Diocesan Wide course – most likely January or February.

- **Sacred Ground Facilitator Training**

Wednesday evenings, August 7, 14, (skip 8/21) 26 – 7:00 – 8:30

This is a three-evening training for people who have taken Sacred Ground, who want to gain skills and support around facilitating Sacred Ground or experienced facilitators who want to gain more insight and best practices. Facilitating Sacred Ground is an opportunity to walk with people on their journey. This training will give you the tools to offer and lead sacred Ground in your community. We will share the framework of Sacred Ground, share discussion questions and themes for each week, and integrate “tools” to help participants move to action, and integrate spiritual practices to ground the work in our faith and life. [Register Here](#)

- **Interested in Sacred Ground Facilitator Support** [Let us know here.](#)

- **The Racial Equity Training** workshops led by trainers from the [Racial Equity Institute](#) (REI). "Moving away from a focus on personal bigotry and bias, REI's 'Phase I' workshop presents a compelling historical, cultural, and structural analysis of racism." Contact Co-Chairs Cathy Rimer-Surles and Lew Myers at [rjrc@episdionc.org](mailto:rjrc@episdionc.org).if you would like to reserve a seat in an upcoming REI workshop.

## Participate in a Diocesan Book Read |

The book reads typically begin in February or October and is a 6-8 week series. [Register Here](#) to let us know you are interested in the next Book Read.

## Offer or Lead a Book Read |

Below are some of the book read that the Diocese has led in the last few years. [Click on the link HERE](#) for the promotion material, small group questions and planning material to host your own Book Read from of the of NC Formation DropBox.

- **Color of Compromise** – 8 weeks
- Video and book study of The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby.
- **How to Fight Racism** | Practical steps to take on your journey -resources for Fighting Racism.
- **Wilmington's Lie** | Learn about the coup of 1898.
- **Waking up White** | Discussion guide for Sundays mornings and through the small groups

## Take a Class |

- **NT Wright online course** – Ethnicity, Justice and the people of God - \$79 online – videos and discussions.  
This course traces various strands of thought regarding ethnicity and justice throughout history and the various responses people in the Church have offered. Along the way, both scholars highlight scriptural resources to aid believers in witnessing to injustice and practical possibilities for participating in God's vision to put all things right.  
[Link to the course here](#)
- **Church Next** – Take one their Beloved Community Courses – for FREE.  
[Register for the class starting in January.](#)  
Read more about [beloved community – understanding systemic racism.](#)  
These resources, videos and questions can be used by individuals or groups
- **Confronting Whiteness:** The difficulty the author, Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, experienced trying to lead his congregation to work for racial justice in their community convinced him that there needs to be a new conversation about race and racism that helps members of White-dominant churches and institutions identify their own racial history and wrestle with what it means to be White. The program consists of nine sessions, each designed to last approximately 90 minutes. Preparation for the sessions requires completing assigned readings and viewings and writing a racial autobiography. Fill out the form to be notified of new groups forming: <https://confrontingwhiteness.com/> Contact Chuck Collier, facilitator, for more information: [CollierCWcollierjr@gmail.com](mailto:CollierCWcollierjr@gmail.com)