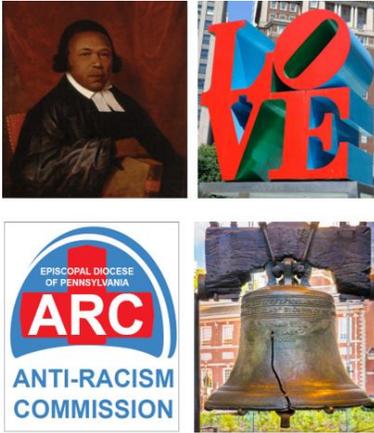


The Anti-Racism Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

2021 Workshop Series



This series is designed to introduce participants to foundational information necessary to understand the historic creation, preservation, and personal and institutional effects, of a society built upon ideas of racial difference whose purpose is to support the implementation of a racially based hierarchy. Introduction to Systemic Racism is the foundational workshop and is required before taking the remaining workshops.

Completion of all 5 workshops over 2 years meets the initial clergy requirement for anti-racism education.

Introduction to Systemic Racism

January 30, 2021, 8:30-noon

April 24, 2021, 8:30-noon

October 23, 2021, 8:30-noon

This webinar is a pre-requisite to a four-part series which explores the multi-layered manifestations of systemic racism. We will identify contributing factors and define core concepts such as prejudice, privilege, race, and systemic racism.

Racism and History

February 27, 2021, 8:30-noon

This webinar explores the ways in which systemic racism was created over time through laws, policies and practices. We will consider selected laws, policies and practices, while examining the ways in which our society has been continuously shaped by them.

Racism and Institutions

May 22, 2021, 8:30-noon

This webinar explores the ways in which racism manifests in America's educational, employment, entertainment, finance, healthcare, housing, justice, mass media, and religious institutions.



Racism and Identity

August 28, 2021 8:30-noon

This webinar explores the ways in which systemic racism informs our personal identity, behaviors and outcomes. We will develop a sociological understanding of the concepts colorblindness, colorism, cultural appropriation, unconscious bias, micro-aggressions, white fragility, and white privilege.

Racism and Active Accountability

November 20, 2021, 8:30-noon

This webinar will challenge us to think about the ways in which we can be actively accountable for identifying, resisting, and responding to the racism that shows up in our lives and the institutions in which we participate. We will explore various ways to act, resist and transform systemic racism to create anti-racist environments.

Developer and Lead Facilitator: Lailah Dunbar-Keeyes, M.S. M.Ed.



Lailah is an educator, writer, and licensed spiritual life coach who teaches spiritual principles and practices for love, liberation, justice, and equity. With an emphasis on the issues that affect Black people and women, she believes that as we engage in our own transformation, we contribute to the unfolding of a more loving, liberated, just, and equitable society.



The Anti-Racism Commission was created by diocesan convention resolution in 2005 with the mandate “to affect the systemic and institutional transformation in the diocese away from the sin of racism and toward the fulfillment of the Gospel and the baptismal mandate to ‘strive for justice and respect the dignity of all persons.’” Consisting of 12 members, a mix of clergy and lay and persons of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, the commission has endeavored to increase awareness of the history and legacy of racism in our country and to engage members of the diocese in dismantling the effects of racism.

