Amended: Affirming Racial Reconciliation

Submitters:

Resolved, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut reaffirms the priority of the work of Racial Reconciliation as laid out by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2015 (see resolutions 2015-A182 and 2015-C019 specifically); and be it further

Resolved, that the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut charges the Leadership Gathering (Mission Council, Donations and Bequests, Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee) to spend at least two of its gatherings in 2018 devoted to the study and witness to the impact of the sin of racism on our common life; and be it further

Resolved, that the Leadership Gathering provide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut with what it learned and establish benchmarks for the ongoing work of dismantling racism across Connecticut.

Explanation:
As evidenced by recent events and news headlines, Charlottesville in particular, the sin of racism continues to pervade our Church and our wider society. As a Diocese, we are also called to live more fully and deeply into the priorities of The Episcopal Church, as established by General Convention.

How does this resolution further God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation with all of creation?
The work of racial reconciliation is an essential part of the work of restoration and reconciliation that all of us are called to do by virtue of being baptized Christians. If we do not address the sin of racism, then we are not doing our work of reconciliation.

Statement of Requirements to Implement the Resolution:
The resolution would take six months to a year to implement. Unless the Leadership Gathering decides to host additional trainings or events, there would be no cost to this resolution, as the cost of Leadership Gathering meetings are already built into the Budget of Convention for 2018.