

TITLE: Combating the Development of Racism in Children

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BE IT RESOLVED, that this 51st annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i approve the formation of a Diocesan task force by the Bishop, with the sole responsibility of the task force being to invite/recruit individuals to become part of a consortium tasked to develop curriculum, programs, and activities to help prevent the development of racism in children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this 51st annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i approve that the members of the consortium come primarily from public and private education, interdenominational and interfaith religions, and community groups working with children, all of whom will preferably have experience in the development of curriculum, programs, and activities for school age young people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this 51st annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i asks that the curriculum, programs, and activities developed by the Consortium be developed for use at each level of Pre-K through grade 12 and that they be age appropriate for each level and be so designed that they will be year round teaching, incorporating stand-alone curriculum, programs, and activities, as well as incorporated, where possible, in other subject teaching.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force report back to the 52nd annual meeting of the Convention on the results of its formation of the consortium and that the consortium report back at least annually to the various constituencies represented on the consortium at the time and place established by each constituency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this 51st annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Hawai‘i ask the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to review the 2020 Diocesan budget to provide funding for the work of the task force in its formation of a consortium.

RATIONALE/EXPLANATION. Racism has been around in some form for far longer than anyone reading this resolution can hardly imagine. Currently, racism in our country and worldwide, is affecting the hearts and souls of the targets of racism in their everyday lives, as well as, producing unbelievable horror, tragedy, and fear through major killings. It is difficult to comprehend. Federal and State laws, as well as, efforts and resolutions by churches and other entities, have been passed and implemented that have brought about some positive change. But racism is still alive and well. Why? Because laws and

resolutions do not change the hearts and minds of people. This resolution is an attempt to address the problem at the earliest, formative ages before societal racism and the influence of racist adults becomes embedded in some of our youngsters.