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ACT to End Racism Rally

At the request of Bishop Eaton, who in turn is responding to a plea from our AME Zion sisters and brothers who are committed to taking 5000 people to Washington, D.C., for the Act to End Racism Rally, on the National Mall, and who have challenged the ELCA to do the same, I will be participating in this rally on April 4. Bishop Eaton and at least a dozen other ELCA bishops along with busloads from their synods will do the same. Please join me!" --Bishop Tim Smith

Join our bus to D.C. for the ACT to End Racism Rally!

Join Bishop Tim Smith, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, and other ecumenical and inter-religious partners at the *ACT to End Racism Rally* on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on **April 4**. [**Watch Bishop Eaton's video invitation.**](#)

BUS FROM SALISBURY

The NC Synod is sponsoring transportation to rally. Tour buses will leave from the synod office in Salisbury on **April 3 at 10 p.m.** and will return the following evening, **April 4** (approximately 11 p.m.).

BUS FROM GREENSBORO or DURHAM

Stops can be arranged to pick-up groups in Greensboro and/or Durham, if at least four (4) persons wish to depart from either location.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Tickets are \$75 per person with a **\$25 deposit due no later than March 16.**

To reserve your seat:

- 1) **email Deacon GeoRene Jones** with your name and congregation
- 2) send your \$25 deposit by March 16 one of these two ways:
mail to NC Synod, April 4 Rally; [1988 Lutheran Synod Dr., Salisbury NC 28144](http://1988.lutheransynod.org)
pay online [choose "April 4 Rally" in the "Select A Fund" drop-down menu]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- +**Balance is due March 31.** You may pay the whole amount by March 16, of course.
- +**The Rally begins at 9 a.m.;** we'll depart from the National Mall at 3 p.m. to head home.
- +**Please direct additional questions to Deacon GeoRene Jones; 704-680-9559**(leave a message and your call will be returned).

The Rally's call to action emphasizes three key points:

- +awaken to the truth that racism is evil and hurts all of us;
- +confront racism through truth-telling and action to right the wrong; and
- +transform the hearts, minds, and behaviors of people and institutions

The Rally is the focus event of a larger three-day event.

The event, "Act Now: Unite to End Racism," organized by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., will bring together many ELCA members from across the country including Bishop Tim Smith, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, and other ecumenical and inter-religious partners on **April 3-5** in Washington, D.C. Consider attending the entire event (synod transportation not included). **See the schedule and learn more from the ACT Now website.**