

## **The Reparations Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of New York Fellowship**

*An opportunity to work with the Reparations Committee of the Episcopal Diocese  
as we work with congregations to explore the story of their involvement in enslavement and its legacy.*

The Reparations Committee is offering a yearlong paid fellowship to assist in our work to establish a fund for reparations. Specifically, the position is an opportunity to work with the Committee as we in turn work with congregations to explore their stories of involvement in enslavement and its legacy.

*The New York Diocesan Reparations Committee was created in response to the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its aftermath of segregation and discrimination. The role of the Reparations Committee is to collect and document information on the complicity of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in the institution of slavery and its subsequent history of segregation and discrimination. The committee considers the benefits the Episcopal Church derived from the institution of slavery and collect, through documentation and storytelling, information on historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege in order to discern a process toward restorative justice. The Committee's findings will help to determine whether the diocese is called to conduct a truth and reconciliation process with regard to the legacies of racial discrimination and oppression. For more information, visit our web-site:*

<https://ednyreparationsblog.wordpress.com/>

The Reparations Fellow working in conjunction with Reparations Committee Members: Ms. Carla Burns, retired educator and the Rev. Richard Witt, Executive Director of Rural & Migrant Ministry, will engage in the following project-based efforts:

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

- Gather statistics of enslavement within the Diocese of New York
- Meet with congregations to:
  - Gather their stories
  - Nurture their exploration
- Develop materials for the Committee to disseminate to congregations and the Diocese, including a "tool kit" to help congregations in their educational process (including youth directed efforts)
- Help develop a platform for the sharing of congregational stories

### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Commitment to the work of the Committee and an appreciation of the Episcopal Church (One does not need to be an Episcopalian for this position.)
- Attendance of the monthly meetings of the Committee (First Thursday evening of the month in Manhattan)
- A willingness to engage in this work collaboratively with a diversity of people, assuming good intentions on their part.
- Capable of traveling throughout the NYC metro area
- Experience in research and journalistic skills
- Interest in church, religious, American, and African American history; race and racism and exploring reparations

The Fellowship is for 5-10 hours a week and offers a stipend of \$20 per hour, plus expenses. The location of the internship can be anywhere within the New York metro area.

Please send resume and cover letter to:

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