



# RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE



## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS ANNOUNCES COMMITMENT OF \$13 MILLION TO FUND RACIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS TO REPAIR AND COMMENCE RACIAL HEALING

In an unprecedented move, the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, presented a Missionary Vision for a Racial Justice initiative that aims to repair and commence racial healing for individuals and communities who were directly injured by slavery in the diocese. The announcement was made at the 171st Diocesan Council held in Waco, Texas, February 7-8, 2020.

The Missionary Vision for Racial Justice initiative includes a **\$13 million commitment towards racial reconciliation projects and scholarships** for the future training and education of people of color.

“The goal is to support the people of our communities who were actually injured by our past actions,” said Doyle. Doyle further explained to the clergy, delegates and members of the diocese, that he recently met with 38 representatives of the Historic Black Churches to invite their future collaboration and support. He worked for many years to dream with leaders and implement this initiative. “I have sought to undergird this work with the best theological and practical ideas in this present moment and from across the church to reinforce and amplify remedies and imagine a different trajectory for our future.”

The Bishop of Texas also reminded annual council meeting attendees that the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg, the first bishop of the diocese, including parishioners, had household slaves. “People don’t realize that our first congregation, Christ Church, Matagorda, was built by slaves. This is our truth. It is the truth of this diocese,” said Doyle.

Doyle added that although clergy and laity alike have spoken out against slavery, racism, and even courageously stopped lynching in our communities, other leaders, on the contrary, have defended slavery, white supremacy, and remained silent. Furthermore, Doyle also shared that he believes some lay leaders in the nineteenth century and early twentieth participated in lynching.

The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, commended the initiative. “When I read the Missionary Vision for Racial Justice, for a moment, to be honest, it took my breath away ... One translation of the word ‘inspiration’ is ‘God breathed.’ What you, the good people of the Diocese of Texas have done together with God is something truly God breathed, inspired!”

The money for the Missionary Vision for Racial Justice Initiative will go to fund the Bertha Means Endowment at Seminary of the Southwest, the David Taylor Scholarship at Seminary of the Southwest, the Pauli Murray Scholarship Fund at Seminary of the Southwest, the Thomas Cain Fund for Historic Black Churches, the Henrietta Wells Scholarship Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), the John and Joseph Talbot Fund for Racial Justice, and the Episcopal Health Foundation Congregational Engagement.

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# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS

*Founded in 1838 by the Episcopal Church as a mission to the people of Texas, the Diocese of Texas has been led continuously by the Holy Spirit to plant ministries and congregations to partner with and serve the wider community. Today the diocese spans more than 46,000 square miles and encompasses 57 counties. We are headquartered in historic downtown Houston-with offices in Austin and Tyler. Led by the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, the ninth Bishop of Texas, the diocese is more than 400 clergy, 163 congregations, 91 missional communities, 21 campus missions, chaplaincies, foundations, institutions, and 78,000 parishioners serving our neighbors. We embrace all people with mutual love and respect. We are one Church reconciled by Jesus Christ, joining God's mission to reconcile others and build up the kingdom of God.*

## OUR FOUNDATIONS

**THE BISHOP QUIN FOUNDATION** is composed of a nine-member Board of Trustees with six lay and three clergy members reflecting the geographic diversity of the Diocese. Three trustees are appointed each year at Diocesan Council upon nomination of the Bishop of Texas. The term of service is three years, and trustees are eligible to serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Bishop of Texas and the Treasurer serve with voice and vote as Ex-Officio members. The Bishop Quin Foundation conducts four meetings per year.

**THE CHURCH CORPORATION** (also known as The Protestant Episcopal Church Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas) is a nonprofit, benevolent and charitable corporation authorized to receive and administer funds and properties given to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. In addition, through the Participating Funds, the Church Corporation also acts as a trustee in receiving and administering funds for the use and benefit of the churches in the diocese. The largest part of the Church Corporation's holdings are the titles to the land and buildings of the churches of the diocese.

**THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF TEXAS** was established upon the death of H. H. Coffield. Mr. Coffield left one-third of his estate to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to be set aside as a permanent fund to support six institutions and from time to time provide gifts, grants, loans or advances to the Bishop Quin Foundation. The Coffield Fund represents the largest portion of the Foundation's assets. Funds and contributions to the Foundation received exclusive of the Coffield Fund are set aside and appropriated for the purpose of providing financial support for religious, educational and charitable purposes to organizations of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

**THE EPISCOPAL HEALTH FOUNDATION** is based in Houston and was founded in 2013 by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas upon the transfer of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System. Bishop Andy Doyle of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas lead the effort to use the more than \$1 billion in proceeds to start a foundation that would reshape the way the Episcopal Church engages the community and change the way we think about health in Texas. EHF chose to focus on improving community health, rather than just health care, because the opportunity for good health starts long before you need to see a doctor. Health systems need scalable solutions to address non-medical factors that impact health. EHF was created as a community-based philanthropy to spark transformative change within the diocese's 57-county service area that serves more than 11 million Texans.

**THE GREAT COMMISSION** is a Texas nonprofit corporation created in 2013 to support the missionary and church planting strategies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. The organization of the Foundation is set forth in Canon 49 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

## **THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED TWO FUNDS:**

The Rev. Thomas Cain Fund for Historic Black Churches was established to provide grants for the mission, programming, or maintenance of Historic Black Churches.

The John and Joseph Talbot Fund for Racial Reconciliation was established to provide a gift to underwrite a program of church community racial reconciliation initiatives, bringing together the work of the Equal Justice Initiative's Lynching memorial work and justice work in local communities.

## **THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED FOUR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:**

### **The Dr. Bertha Sadler Means Endowment for Racial Justice**

The purpose of this endowment is to fund, in perpetuity, Seminary programs to support visiting black scholars, research in Texas slavery and racism, teaching racial justice, formation and empowerment of Black leaders, and encouragement for Episcopal Black ministries within and beyond the Diocese of Texas.

### **The Rev. Pauli Murray Scholarship Fund at Seminary of the Southwest**

The purpose of this fund is to provide academic scholarships to enrolled students of color (with demonstrated financial need) pursuing a degree in the seminary's Master of Divinity program or Diploma in Anglican Studies program. A Pauli Murray Academic Scholarship award may be disbursed only for the award recipient's living expenses based on the award recipient's demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Seminary in its sole discretion.

### **The Rev. David Taylor Endowed Scholarship at Seminary of the Southwest**

The purpose of this fund named in memory of The Rev. David Franklin Taylor is to provide academic scholarships to enrolled students of color with demonstrated financial need pursuing a degree in the seminary's Master of Divinity program (as postulants of the Diocese—or of any diocese) within TEC or Diploma in Anglican Studies program.

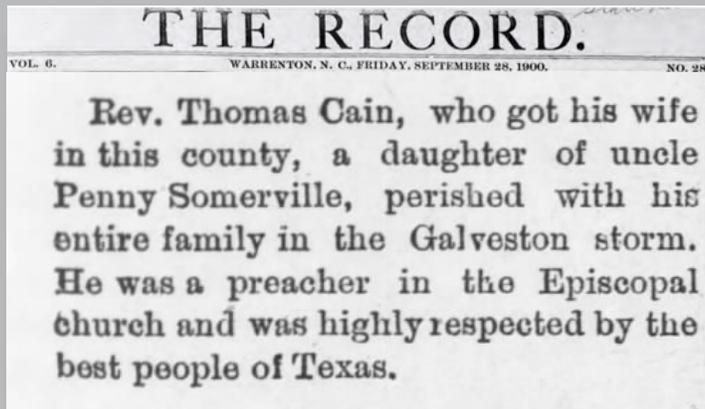
The Henrietta Wells Scholarship Fund is designated for scholarships for students attending HBCUs across the Diocese of Texas. The funds are to be used for choir scholarships and teaching internships in Episcopal schools while attending an HBCU in Texas.

To apply for funding and/or scholarships, visit [www.edotracialjustice.org](http://www.edotracialjustice.org).

# FUNDS

## THE REV. THOMAS CAIN FUND FOR HISTORIC BLACK CHURCHES

This fund provides grants for the mission, programming, or maintenance of Historic Black Churches.



## ABOUT THE REV. THOMAS CAIN

The Rev. Thomas Cain was the first priest of color in the Diocese of Texas. He was born into slavery in Virginia, later arriving in Galveston as a missionary priest. He was made deacon and priest by Bishop Francis McNeece Whittle, the fifth Bishop of Virginia, and he was in charge of St. Phillip's Church

for colored people in Richmond, Virginia for many years. He was a graduate of the very first class of the Bishop Payne Divinity School (a school that was founded in Petersburg, Virginia in 1878 to train African Americans for ministry in the Episcopal Church).

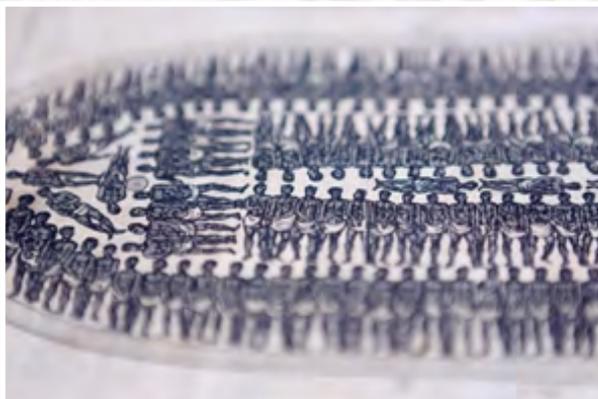
He transferred to the Diocese of Texas in 1888 and was placed in charge of St. Augustine's Mission. Under his leadership, the congregation made great progress raising funds for a permanent chapel. By 1897, there were more than 180 active African American communicants, and a church was built in 1889 in the heart of Galveston. The first service was held on Ash Wednesday in 1889. Near the end of that year, a new chancel area had been constructed within the church, but on September 8, 1900, the Great Galveston Storm of 1900 washed away the church and rectory. Most unfortunately, the Rev. Cain and his wife both perished in the storm.

During his time in the Diocese of Texas the Rev. Cain represented the diocese at a General Convention, and he planted churches in East and Central Texas.

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## THE JOHN AND JOSEPH TALBOT FUND FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION

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### ABOUT JOHN AND JOSEPH TALBOT

These two gentlemen, John and Joseph Talbot, were the first slaves mentioned in the historic baptismal books of Christ Church Matagorda, and they belonged to Judge Matthew Talbot who was a member of our first church, and leader of the diocese from its founding.

In 2003, Evelyn Talbot, a descendant of the Talbots, visited Christ Church of Matagorda. Its vicar, the Rev.

Hoss Gwin, found her and learned that she was looking for information related to her ancestors.

These brothers were slaves, baptized in one our churches, and their niece returned to that very church to give thanks for her own Christianity. She came to find where the gift of Jesus and the gospel had come from in her family's life. She and the Rev. Hoss talked, and they connected with other members of the Talbot family who are still there. They had a meal and they worshipped together. Brothers John and Joseph Talbot are examples of a very complex history and story.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## THE HENRIETTA WELLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The monies in this fund are designated for scholarships for students from HBCUs across the Diocese of Texas. The funds are to be used for choir scholarships and teaching internships in Episcopal schools while attending any HBCU in Texas.



Ms. Henrietta Pauline Bell (Wells)  
Freshman year, Wiley College  
Photo: Courtesy of Wells Family/  
Family Executor, Dr. Ed Cox

### ABOUT HENRIETTA BELL WELLS

Henrietta Wells was a social worker and educator who attended Wiley College. There, she was the first female member of the historic debate team, on which the movie, *The Great Debaters*, was based. Among several professional posts, she worked in higher education, having served as Dean of Women at Dillard University (a Methodist HBCU in New Orleans, Louisiana). The wife of the Rev. Wallace L. Wells, she was an active lay woman in the Episcopal Church. Although she lived in many cities, working in numerous churches as she supported her husband in his ministry, the Rev. and Mrs. Wells founded a church in Gary, Indiana that is listed in the National Registry of Historic Buildings. She was a devoted member of the Daughters of the King and very active in the 135th Street YMCA in New York City, New York. Mrs. Wells ended her life of ministry at St. James, Houston, located in historic Third Ward. She died at the age of 95 in 2008.

### Scholarship Eligibility

1. Scholarship applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at HBCUs in the Diocese of Texas: Hutson-Tillotson University; Prairie View A&M University; Texas College; Texas Southern University; Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Wiley College.
2. Undergraduate applicants must have 2.5/4.0 or 3/5.0 cumulative GPA. Graduate studies applicants must meet the criteria where they are matriculating.
3. The applicant must be affiliated with an Episcopal institution - church, Canterbury, school, or ministry.

# SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

## Application Requirements

1. All applications must be submitted by June 1. No late applications will be considered.
2. All Applicants must include the following with the completed application form.
  - Sponsor letter from Episcopal institution - church, ministries, Canterbury, school, musician
  - 250-500-word essay answering “how has your life been impacted by your faith community in the past year?”
3. First Year students must provide a copy of their acceptance letter with the completed application. Proof of registration is to be submitted once registration is completed in order for funds to be released.
4. Re-matriculating students must provide proof of registration with the completed application.
5. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and award scholarships based on available funds and scholarship criteria. Funds will be distributed to the historically black colleges or universities on behalf of the student.

To apply for funding and/or scholarships, visit [www.edotracialjustice.org](http://www.edotracialjustice.org).

## THE REV. PAULI MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST

The purpose of this fund is to provide academic scholarships to enrolled students of color (with demonstrated financial need) pursuing a degree in the seminary's Master of Divinity program or Diploma in Anglican Studies program. A Pauli Murray Academic Scholarship award may be disbursed only for the award recipient's living expenses based on the award recipient's demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Seminary in its sole discretion.



### ABOUT THE REV. PAULI MURRAY

With dreams of attending Columbia University, she attended Hunter College in New York City, after being denied admission to Columbia because the university was only open to men. After graduating from Hunter College, she attended law school at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Although she graduated first in her class, she was denied the opportunity to enroll at Harvard University for additional studies- again, because she was a woman.

A successful lawyer and author, her experiences fueled her passion to advocate for women and play a role in the civil rights movement. Murray broke several glass ceilings that brought about rare opportunities for Black women during that time. In 1946, she was hired as California's first Black deputy attorney general. As a civil-rights activist, she marched alongside the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ms. Rosa Parks. She, however, protested against discrimination- not only on the basis of race, but also gender.

Murray worked in academia as vice-president of Benedict College, later becoming a professor at Brandeis University until she went to the seminary and was later ordained. The Rev. Murray was the first woman to celebrate the Eucharist at an Episcopal church in North Carolina. She eventually committed her life to one of mission reconciliation and focused on ministry to the sick in a parish in Washington, D.C.

A woman before her time, Murray left a rich legacy of achievement, not only in the Episcopal Church. As just one example, Yale University posthumously named one of its residential colleges in her memory. The Rev. Pauli Murray was a forward-thinking force to be reckoned with.

### Scholarship Eligibility

A student who is eligible to receive an academic scholarship award provided in whole or in part by this fund is defined as one who is:

- Admitted by the seminary and enrolled full- or part-time in a Master of Divinity degree program or Diploma in Anglican Studies program; and

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- Entering as a first-semester student or otherwise as a continuing student in good academic standing at the time of award; and
- Presenting a demonstrated financial need; and
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- Authorized officer.

In determining eligibility for an academic scholarship award provided in whole or in part by this fund, the Seminary shall make awards in the following descending order of precedence:

- Postulants of the Diocese pursuing the Master of Divinity degree;
- Students within the Diocese enrolled in the Diploma in Anglican Studies program;
- Postulants of all other dioceses pursuing the Master of Divinity degree; and
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## DR. BERTHA SADLER MEANS ENDOWMENT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

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### ABOUT DR. BERTHA SADLER MEANS

Dr. Bertha Sadler Means is a former successful educator, civil rights activist, and business owner. A well-known Episcopalian in the city of Austin, she was a true education pioneer. She worked in the Austin Independent School District before her retirement, having taught in both elementary and secondary education. Her specialty was reading education.

Means also left an indelible mark in higher education, having taught at both Prairie View A&M College and the University of Texas at Austin and also provided professional development at Huston Tillotson University in the area of teaching and learning.

She is also known as a political activist and community leader and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Dr. Means is a 1945 graduate of Tillotson College, a predecessor institution to Huston-Tillotson University. With deep roots in Austin, she continued her education at the University of Texas at Austin.

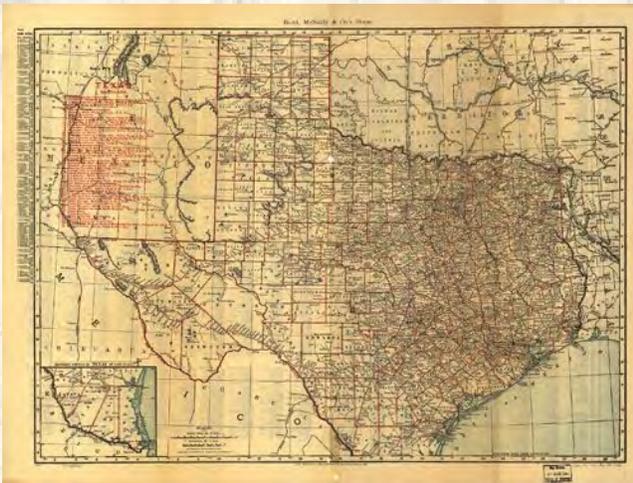
Dr. Means enjoyed a long career in education and retired from Austin Independent School District. She also served on the Huston Tillotson Board of Trustees from 2004-2008, and is the owner of Austin Cab Company.

In her honor on the campus of Huston Tillotson University is **The Bertha Sadler Means African American Resource Center** located in the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall. This honor was bestowed upon her as a result of her philanthropic support over the years.

Dr. Means is a long-time, devoted member of St. James' Episcopal Church, Austin.

## THE REV. DAVID FRANKLIN TAYLOR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST

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No photo could be located of the Rev David Taylor. The map of Texas above is from the early 1900s, during the time he would have been traveling about our diocese.

### ABOUT THE REV. DAVID FRANKLIN TAYLOR

The Rev. David Franklin Taylor was the first African-American priest raised up by the historic Black churches in the Diocese of Texas. He was first licensed by Bishop Kinsolving in 1904 as a lay reader. He was later ordained and moved to St. Augustine's in Galveston, where he had been a confirmand earlier in his life. Prior to returning to St. Augustine of Hippo, the Rev. Taylor had spent the first four years of his ministry at St. John's, Tyler. The Rev. Taylor was ultimately ordained to the priesthood and served as vicar until 1912, when he was transferred to Louisiana. Prior to becoming a member of the Episcopal Church, he had been an African Methodist Episcopal minister.

### Scholarship Eligibility

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### Texas church targets racism

Episcopal Diocese launches \$13 million project for healing

By Robert Downes

More than 100 years after it closed a 40-mile stretch of the Texas highway, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is launching a \$13 million initiative aimed at healing individual and communities "illegally injured" by its history of racism.

The healing, which the diocese called unprecedented for a racial justice project, will go to build "racial reconciliation programs and scholarship" at a number of historically black colleges, seminaries and organizations in Texas. Some of it will underwrite work by the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit that established a healing memorial in Atlanta.

"It's about mending the racial divide in our communities," said Bishop C. Andrew Doyle, head of the Texas diocese. "It's about mending the past but moving forward together."

Doyle, who met with 11 representatives of historic black churches to invite their collaboration and support, said the diocese

### Virtual translators to aid voters

Harris County aims to clear up language barriers at the polls

By Zack Depert

Harris County residents who fluently speak Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese or 21 other languages now will have access to a virtual translator at the polls.

County Clerk Dave Treviño announced Friday, part of a series of initiatives aimed at improving the county's voter participation rates.

In a deal in Harris County it is estimated to cost more than a half of its \$1.7 billion, technology will be used.



An iPad connects to an interpreter who can assist in dozens of languages, including American Sign Language.

problems of a language barrier. English - should still be used to discuss communication here and at voting sites.

With the initiative (including interpreters can communicate with voters and poll workers in real time via video that is made the voting process easier and more accessible," Treviño said.

Flanked by county Executive Director Michael Wan, Treviño has offered a demonstration of the machine at the West Loop South Justice Center. The latter device, which previously served electronic poll books and was set to be discarded, after a poll. Translators members of the

### All shook up for Valentine's Day



### RACISM

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interview that the need for racial healing has become increasingly apparent during his ten years at the diocese's helm. He said that while many clergy and laypeople have spoken out against slavery and racism, other leaders have remained silent or even defended the system and white supremacy.

The Episcopal Church is among the nation's least diverse, with 90 percent of members white and 4 percent black, according to the Pew Research Center. Only Methodists and Lutherans have a higher percentage of whites.

But Episcopal leaders increasingly have advocated for racial justice this millennium. In 2006, the denomination called for a commission to explore reparations. Last year, denominational leaders testified before Congress in support of the idea.

In 2015, the Rev. Michael Curry was elected as the national denomination's top bishop, the first

black to hold the post. He said in a statement that the initiative "took my breath away" when he first read about it.

The initiative is the latest effort by a religious institution aimed at racial reconciliation: In 2007, the Reformed Theological Seminary unveiled a new scholarship program for African Americans. Last year, Princeton Theological Seminary pledged roughly \$28 million in reparations for the school's roots in slavery - specifically, to change its curriculum and hire more researchers into the legacy of slavery.

At Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, a team of scholars in 2008 released a lengthy report on "the legacy of slavery and racism in the history" of the school, which is the faith group's most prominent training center for future ministers.

The Southern Baptist Convention was founded after splitting from its northern counterpart over support for slave-holding missionaries. Racial issues continue to persist in the faith group

### Episcopalian makeup

Episcopalians are among the least diverse religious groups in the United States.



Source: Pew Research Staff graphic

and are at the core of recent infighting within the convention.

Kyle J. Howard, a theologian who is outspoken about race issues, said he was encouraged by the initiatives undertaken by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and other religious institutions. But he also said more needs to be done to reconcile the centuries of economic inequality that is rooted in slavery.

"When it comes to slavery, there are many Christian denom-

inations that have not only sinned against an entire people group, but continue to benefit from the economic and social oppression of the black community," Howard said.

He added that schools should also prioritize hiring more diverse faculty - or they "will likely become a base for assimilation and colonization rather than the diverse community they desire."

Doyle said he sympathized with Howard's concerns. He added that the diocese's new initiative is only one step towards equality and healing.

Doyle noted that Alexander Gregg, the slave-owning first bishop of the Texas diocese, pushed for the church to remain loyal to Southern secessionists during the Civil War. He also noted that the diocese's first congregation, Christ Church in Matagorda, was built by slaves.

Recognizing such histories is imperative to creating a more just and equal society, said Doyle. He cautioned that some might dislike the initiative because of its focus on the past, but said that rec-

oncing historical injustice is crucial to building a more just and equal future.

"When we believe that God is big enough to mend the broken, we should not be afraid of naming truths that are part of our history," he said. "... All of our futures are tied to our past. There isn't one future that is somehow disconnected from the story that got us here, and we must be willing to see the connectedness of the past to see how it shapes our future."

"There is still a lot of institutional racism and a good measure of change is still needed," he added.

Initiative funding will go toward several scholarships at the Seminary of the Southwest; the Thomas Cain Fund for Historic Black Churches; the Henrietta Wells Scholarship Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities; the John and Joseph Talbot Fund for Racial Justice; and the Episcopal Health Foundation Congregational Engagement.

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The screenshot shows the San Antonio Express-News website. The main headline reads "Texas Episcopalians pledge \$13M to heal those injured by its history of racism". The article is by Robert Downen, dated Feb 14, 2020. The image shows a church interior with people seated in pews. On the right side, there is a promotional banner for "Heating Tune-Up" for \$59, and an "EXPRESS BRIEFING" section with a "SIGN UP" button.

The screenshot shows the website for "The Living Church". The article title is "Diocese of Texas to Fund \$13 Million in Slavery Reparations". The article is dated February 17, 2020, and is by Mark Michael. The image shows a historical illustration of enslaved people working in a field.

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February 14, 2020



Episcopal Diocese of Texas HQ

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# COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF MEDIA REGARDING THE INITIATIVE

## **HOUSTON CHRONICLE**

URL no longer available. Please refer to February 11, 2020 and February 15, 2020 issues.

## **SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS**

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Texas-Episcopalians-pledge-13M-to-repair-and-15053645.php>

## **THE LIVING CHURCH**

<https://livingchurch.org/2020/02/17/diocese-of-texas-to-fund-13-million-in-slavery-reparations/>

## **RELEVANT MAGAZINE**

<https://relevantmagazine.com/culture/texas-episcopalians-pledge-13-million-in-racial-reparations/>

## **REPOST FROM EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION (BOSTON, MA)**

[https://twitter.com/ECM\\_Mass](https://twitter.com/ECM_Mass)

## **REPOST FROM OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

<https://twitter.com/AggieDiversity>

## **BLACK CHRISTIAN NEWS**

<https://blackchristiannews.com/2020/02/episcopal-diocese-of-texas-announces-13-million-commitment-to-fund-racial-justice-projects/>

# RELATED PROJECTS

**BRIDGING HEALTH DISPARITIES: Powered by Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF)**  
[www.episcopalhealth.org](http://www.episcopalhealth.org)

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**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS: Having Difficult Conversations**  
[www.havingdifficultconversations](http://www.havingdifficultconversations)

An excellent resource powered by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to empower people seeking healthy conversations amidst a bitterly divided world. It contains a variety of related materials to advance such discussions.

**TOGETHER EPISCOPAL: Dismantling Racism**  
[www.togetherepiscopal.com](http://www.togetherepiscopal.com)

In the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, we strongly believe that each person and faith community have the power to affect real change. We've tragically seen tensions mount in all corners of our communities to the point of violence, mistrust, and hatred; yet people are being moved to step up in new ways.

As Episcopalians, we are called to gather people in God's name to begin to listen, to heal with one another, and to work towards peace and justice.

TogetherEpiscopal invites you to explore resources that offer various topics from different voices, perspectives and experiences. The hope is that they can set individuals or groups on a course for deeper relationship building, better understanding of the issues facing our communities, and a call to action.

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