

*Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination
The Episcopal Partnership of WNY & NWPA*

Statement of Explanation: Congregational Faith & Action Funding

Name

Congregational Support Initiative of The Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination

Purpose

To support liaison work and parish ministries that fulfill the Pledge of Faith and Action against Racial Injustice – Learn, Pray, Act, Advocate – and serve to dismantle racism and discrimination

Statement of Commission's intention

To create a simple, streamlined process to provide limited funding (\$25 to \$750 max) to support congregational, and collaborative congregational, racial healing, justice making and reconciliation initiatives without extensive application requirements

Statement of Procedures

Commission will make available up to \$8,000 from its 2025 budget, to be distributed in portions that match WNY and NWPA Commission funding; 3:2 or \$4800 WNY & \$3200 NWPA

Funding requests from \$25 up to \$750 will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Funds will be allocated in two cycles, beginning January 1 and July 1 and distributed until exhausted. Multiple funding applications from the same organization totaling up to \$750 will be considered. Requests exceeding \$750, either for one application or for 2 or more applications from the same organization, will be considered, depending on fund availability.

Applications for funding are to be submitted by congregational clergy or liaisons to the Rev. Canon Stacey Fussell at: motherstacey@gmail.com and the Rev. Canon Helen Harper at: urbanpriest@gmail.com

The Revs. Canons Stacey Fussell and Helen Harper will review and approve funding requests for the Commission. Requests that raise questions of eligibility may be taken to Commission's Leadership group.

Reimbursements of funding requests will be submitted to Maria Manocchio for WNY and to Jeff Mills for NWPA, this is listed on the respective forms with receipts for funded expenditures.

Note: reimbursements for speaker honorariums require the name and address of the speaker.

Eligible Activities

Funding is available for expenses related to initiatives that enable learning, prayer, action and advocacy in fulfillment of the Pledge of Faith and Action to Dismantle Racism. Examples include, but are not limited to, the purchase of books, curriculums, training materials, speaker fees, program supplies, equipment, transportation, mailing, printing, community outreach, event refreshments and other types of expenses.

