

Episcopal Church in Western Oregon
Report to the 135th Annual Meeting of Convention
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Engaging Racial Justice Working Group

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Activities Report

- Zoom panel discussions on the work of racial justice including guest speakers from around the country and interfaith conversations.
- Japanese American story sharing even centered on the experiences of Japanese Americans in Oregon, followed with service commemorating the Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano
- Planning retreat in Corvallis
- Leadership team meetings to discern potential collaboration with Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

Expenditures

- Approximately \$2,000 for retreat expenses
- Approximately \$500 for story sharing event expenses
- Approximately \$4000 in speaker fees for zoom series

2023 Goals Progress

- Working on finalizing 24-36 month work plan
- Sponsoring EBOF grant for General Convention Deputies of Color

2024 Goals

- Exploring potential collaborative projects with Dioceses of Eastern Oregon and Olympia
- Exploring potential collaborative projects with the Truth and Reconciliation Working Group
- Continue Speaker Series
- Roll out convocation/parish racial justice support teams