



# Episcopal Diocese

— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

## **Fifty-sixth Annual Diocesan Convention** **January 24-25, 2025**

**Resolution R-1:** Reaffirming the Church's Teaching on Racism

**Presenters:** The Rev. Maytée de la Torre, The Rev. Cn. Luis de la Cruz, The Rev. Angel Lopez, Mrs. Iraís Murphy, Mr. Erick Perez, The Rev. Jacqueline Ponce, The Rev. Dr. José Rodríguez, Mrs. Maritza Rosado López, and The Rev. Soner Alexandre

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Be it RESOLVED: That this 56th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida affirms the doctrine and discipline of the Episcopal Church concerning the Church's teaching on racism as defined in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this convention affirms that the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church establishes that ordained clergy shall be competent in the Church's teaching on racism (8.13.c.4); and that General Convention has consistently affirmed the Church's commitment to combating racism and injustice, declaring that racism, racially biased behavior, and teachings contrary to the Church's stance on racism are an anathema to the Church (2022-D090); and be it further

RESOLVED: That this convention affirms that the Church's Christian principles guiding responses to human migration and all related resolutions are part of the Church's teaching on racism (2018-D009, 2018-C033, 2022-D090); and be it further

RESOLVED: That this Convention calls for active racial healing principles as defined by the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing and encourages parishes and missions to address these behaviors at the parish level through the leadership of clergy and lay leaders.