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## SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER Race to Reconciliation



September 25, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

One does not have to be an Episcopalian Christian for long before realizing that our common life is governed by biblical principles and, also, by the numerous canons or rules that we, as a wider community of faith, have wisely developed over time. One of these canons requires all clergy and lay leaders, including members of parish Vestries and diocesan commissions and committees, to undergo such training.

A sad and long-standing reality of the world consists of overt and hidden biases, which find expression against others for one reason or another, but especially on account of racial difference. Such reality is particularly evident right now as we witness, daily, the overt, hate-filled speeches and events that are tearing apart vulnerable communities and are causing real suffering to real people. Hence, the importance of focusing on the principles of love inherent to our Christian faith in order to raise our awareness of the many ways that racism manifests itself. Imagine how the ideals of the Kingdom of Heaven could become even more evident in our midst as we seek to see the face of God in each other.

Hence, I now call your attention to the next two-day online workshop offered by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation, Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, Friday evening, October 11 through Saturday afternoon, October 12. I want to reiterate how clergy and lay leaders, including members of parish Vestries and diocesan commissions and committees, are required by our canons to undergo this training.

Please share this message with the members of your Vestries and other parish and diocesan committees. I also invite you to consider coming even if you are not “required” to do so. We would love to have every parish represented, so that we may all learn and continue to grow together.

Specific event details and registration information is available  
at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/fall-2024-anti-racism-workshop/>

Yours in Christ,

*+ [Handwritten Signature]*



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