

**RESOLUTION OF THE 134th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
APRIL 25 — 26 2008**

Subject: **The Task Force for the Elimination of Racism**

Originator: Resolutions Committee

Resolved that this 134th Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan in response to Bishop Robert Gepert's Convention Address embraces the call to establish an "Elimination of Racism Task Force" in our Diocese for the purpose of eradicating racism in our congregations and diocesan organizations.

Resolved that the "Elimination of Racism Task Force" will be co-chaired by one person of color and one white person, and be composed of three teams of four people for three regions of our diocese (north, mid-diocese, and south).

Be it further resolved that the Task Force will use the "Eliminating Racism" curriculum from the Diocese of Michigan for training and programming in our Diocese.

Rationale: Bishop Gepert has called for the establishment of a new committee to address the sin of racism with our diocese.

After consultation with Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs of the Diocese of Michigan about the success of their program to address racism, our Bishop has determined that this program should be implemented in our Diocese. Bishop Gibbs has offered to provide the curriculum and training for our new task force, "Elimination of Racism Task Force."