

Diocesan Survey on Faith & Race Reveals Hope

Last month the diocese conducted a survey to assess participant's attitudes about their faith and race. The findings will be used by the new Diocesan Justice Commission as they chart a course of listening, learning, and action.

An overwhelming majority, 88.6% of those who responded to the survey, feel that they are beginning to move toward positive change or already feel close to positive change. Another majority (52%) feel that current racial issues are positively impacting their faith and their faith is somewhat stronger or stronger than ever. A strong number of participants (44%) feel the same level of faith.

As expected, COVID-related health concerns have limited participation in protests, marches, or demonstrations for about 74% of us while 26% say it has not impacted them at all.

Anxiety about racial justice runs high in 62% of people while the primary emotion people report feeling is hopeful. Frustration and anxiety follow a close second with anger, determination and motivation rounding out the top responses.

A strong number of people (72%) report feeling confident and well-equipped to address issues of racial justice from a biblical perspective and over 91% report they find hope in God when they world around them feels turbulent. Eighty three percent of folks report a deepened sense of calling to help others during this time of pandemic and racial injustice.

The new Justice Commission will be developing an action plan for the diocesan role in addressing issues of social justice, helping our congregants respond to racial justice issues, and organizing prayer efforts for our state and nation.

Please submit thoughts about this survey or the new Justice Commission [here](#).