

## Racial Justice Group (Updated March, 2023)

**The Racial Justice Group (RJG)** came into being during the summer of 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and an adult forum series called Dialogues on Race led by our interim priest Kate Elledge.

The RJG has five subgroups: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); education and training; history; partnerships; and policy advocacy. So far, about 25 parishioners have been involved.

### **We would love to have more participants.**

Here are some updates on our activities:

- Establishing DEI as a strategic cornerstone of CCC's mission — "not just a to-do list but the paper on which that list is written."
- Sacred Ground: a 10-month curriculum developed by the National Church which addresses all forms of racism using a spiritual lens (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/invitation/>.) Two Sacred Ground circles have completed the program at Christ Church and two new circles have recently launched in partnership with Old North Church in Boston.
- Here Lies Darby Vassall: a film installation memorializing the death and life of Darby Vassall, born into enslavement by one of Christ Church's founding families, who is buried under our sanctuary. HLDV, presented last fall, was a great success, but it was only the beginning of our effort to explore and fully reveal the history of our parish and to atone for our involvement with slavery. Several members of the RJG are joining the Reparative Actions Committee just appointed by the Vestry.
- "Invented Before You Were Born": a film about Richard Bibb, a Kentucky slaveholder who freed his slaves and whose descendants connected with the descendants of those enslaved persons. The film shows how such connections across generations may contribute to racial healing and reconciliation. It will be shown at Christ Church on May 5, to be introduced by the filmmakers Bibb descendant) Jonathan Knight (a Bibb descendant) and Le Datta Denise Grimes, who will also lead a discussion after the screening. The event is open to the public.

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