

HOUSE OF BISHOPS COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY

Membership

The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, <i>Chair</i>	New York, II	2021
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens	Connecticut, I	2021
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows	Indianapolis, V	2025
The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield	Arkansas, VII	2021
The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas	New York, II	2021
Dr. Stephen Fowl	Maryland, III	2021
The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin	Western New York, II	2023
The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher	Massachusetts, I	2026
The Rev. Dr. Altagracia Perez-Bullard	New York, II	2023
The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg	Spokane, VIII	2026
The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh	Rochester, II	2021
The Rev. Katherine Sonderegger	Virginia, III	2023
The Very Rev. Dr. James Turrell	Bethlehem, III	2021
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, <i>Ex Officio</i>	North Carolina, IV	

Changes in Membership

Dr. Beverly Mitchell, resigned 2019

Acknowledgements

Ann Sabo, *Administrator*

Mandate

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Summary of Work

The House of Bishops Theology Commission is appointed by the Presiding Bishop and serves as a resource to the bishops as they pursue their teaching ministry in the church. At present, the committee comprises eight (8) bishops and five (5) academic theologians. With the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal as chair, the committee held an organizational meeting in May of 2017 in Cincinnati in the previous triennial period. We agreed to work on developing a theological document undergirding the Presiding Bishop's call of the Church toward becoming Beloved Community. We divided into three (3) subgroups, focused on three (3) areas relating to racism and racial reconciliation: (1) historic documents; (2) narratives that shape us; and (3) scriptural, patristic and liturgical resources.

We met again in January of 2018 in New York to receive the first update on the work of the subgroups. At this meeting, we also realized that in order to continue the work at hand in a meaningful way, we needed to first deal with the issue of white supremacy. When we met in May of 2018 in Chicago, we finalized the document we had been working on, entitled Draft Resources for Becoming Beloved Community. This was reported to the Presiding Bishop and disseminated to the bishops in August of 2018.

When we met again in January of 2019 in Chicago, we began tackling the issue of white supremacy and developed an initial report regarding this to the House for its gathering in March, 2019. At our meeting in May of 2019 in Chicago, we received the subgroups' further work on the issue of white supremacy as it relates to our work on Beloved Community.

In January of 2020 in Chicago, we drafted a document to be reported to the House. We also decided on the next phase of our work, which, we agreed, needed to be on the issue of reparations. Our report on white supremacy to the House of Bishops in March had to be postponed due to the pandemic. We met online in June to finalize the document on white supremacy. The final version of this document, entitled White Supremacy, Beloved Community and Learning to Listen, was shared with the bishops in early August and was taken up as the main theme of the online meeting of the House in September, 2020. At the end of November, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal resigned as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio and from the chair of this committee. On Bishop Breidenthal's recommendation, the Presiding Bishop subsequently appointed me as the chair of this committee.

We plan to meet online in January of 2021 to continue the work on the issue of reparations as relating to Beloved Community. We hope to complete this work ahead of General Convention in 2022.

Submitted by The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin, Chair