

La Crosse Area Synod, anti-racism assessment

Thank you for your participation in this brief survey. It is designed to assess the approaches and attitudes congregations and their members have to issues of race, racism, and anti-racism in society and the church. *This survey will take approximately 4-7 minutes to complete.* We hope that you will also join a discussion group in your congregation or cluster to more fully discover how faith and anti-racism work together.

Basic information and involvement:

Age: _____

Race and/or Ethnicity: _____

Gender: _____

Which describes your ministry context or congregation?

- extra-parish (nursing home, parish campus ministry, camp, etc)
 Single-site
 two-point parish
 3 (or more) point

Frequency of worship attendance

- every week (or more)
 1-2 per month
 several times per year
 I do not attend worship

Congregational involvement (Check all that apply)

- I am a pastor / deacon / paid staff. (please use "Other" to specify)
 I am involved in a committee or council
 I am involved in a church-related group (Bible study, quilting, affinity space, prayer group etc)
 I volunteer through the church (nursery, community programs, meal service, teaching, etc)
 I am not involved outside of worship attendance
 Other: _____

Please describe your involvement in the community (examples: parent-teacher association, school board, cultural center, service organization, veterans association, neighborhood association):

The following questions are crafted to help us better understand congregational approaches to anti-racism. (None of the questions are required, we greatly appreciate your responses.)

Please indicate your involvement in the following:

| | I do this | I wish I did this | I do not plan to do this |
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| I address social issues in the world | | | |
| I am involved in the care of creation | | | |
| I engage in evangelism | | | |
| I am welcome to diverse groups of people | | | |

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Please indicate your congregation / ministry's involvement in the following:

| | My congregation / ministry does this | I wish my congregation / ministry did this | My congregation / ministry does not do this |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| The church address social issues in the world | | | |
| The church is involved in the care of creation | | | |
| The church engages in evangelism | | | |
| The church is welcoming to diverse groups of people | | | |

How often do you discuss matters of racial justice...

| | I am interested, but don't have people to discuss this with | Never | 1-3 times per year | 1-3 times per month | 1-3 times per week | Daily or almost daily | Not applicable |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| At home or with family? | | | | | | | |
| With friends? | | | | | | | |
| At work or in the community? | | | | | | | |
| At school? | | | | | | | |
| At church or with church members? | | | | | | | |
| On-line? | | | | | | | |

What are ways the church should be involved in addressing racial justice?

- Allocate resources toward initiatives and projects / programming/collaboration related to racial justice and anti-racism.
- Host events related to topics of racial justice.
- Commit to addressing racism in our community.
- Provide educational and training opportunities for congregations to learn about issues of race, racism, and racial justice.
- Engage in widespread assessment of cultural values, attitudes, and social climate across the synod.
- Collaborate with local organizations that are active in anti-racism work.
- The church shouldn't be involved in addressing racial justice.
- Other: _____

Are you called to *personally* address racial justice. Why or why not?

As Christians we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. Which of the following do you believe to be true? Check any or all.

- People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage in the public square.
- One's religious affiliation should be irrelevant to one's standing as a citizen.
- Government should not give preference to one religion over another religion or nonreligion
- The government should give preference to one religion over another.
- None of the above.

Thank you for your time!

Responses can be submitted directly to La Crosse Area Synod, 2301 South Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601 or sent to your church's office for forwarding.