

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank you for publishing the editorial “Oh! That Awful Sin of Racism.” It takes courage to speak clearly and forcefully about racism, especially when criticism is directed at our most beloved and esteemed institution, the Episcopal Church. As a white person and as someone who is actively involved in the ministry of racial reconciliation, I understand how difficult it can be for people of privilege to perceive systemic and institutional racism. After all, it does not affect us directly, and we rarely have honest discussions about racism with people of color. I also understand that an awareness of our own racism is difficult to reconcile with our personal self-image and with the image we have of our church and of our nation. Yet I believe we will not be whole—or holy—until we take on this challenge.

Yours in peace,

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