

Dear Editor,

I love and hate this article, but for very different reasons. I love when we recognize that the Episcopal Church has had issues with race in the past, and that these issues still plague us today. However, I hate that we, in 2015, still have to have these conversations, and that we still have to point out that the Episcopal Church has a race problem. The only way we can move forward from our past and present is to acknowledge the reality of what is going on. The best way to do that is to have open, honest, frank and safe conversations. Church is a place where we can have those conversations, where we can tell our truths. The Prophets were not great because they could predict the future. Rather, what made the Prophets great was that they were truth tellers. And, though we may not be Prophets, we can be prophetic in the way we confront, recognize and talk on race. Once we all recognize that these conversations need to happen, we can move forward and begin addressing the problems laid out by the author. I pray that we have the courage and prophecy to have these conversations in a safe and loving way.

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