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Members of the anti-racism task force smile on a Zoom call

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The first meeting of the Taskforce in 2020

### What we do

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It came after the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, told the General Synod there was 'no doubt' that the Church of England was still 'deeply institutionally racist'. The nine-member group is a temporary body to make recommendations for immediate action and carry out preparatory work to set up the Archbishops' Commission to address racism.

As part of its work, it is examining more than 160 formal recommendations made since 1985 on racial justice in the Church of England. The overwhelming majority were made in reports from the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) and its predecessor, the Committee on Black Anglican Concerns.

### Who we are

## Co-chairs

- **Rev Arun Arora** - Vicar of St Nicholas, Durham. Former Director of Communications for the Church of England.
- **Rev Sonia Barron** - Lincoln Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, former Adviser to Archbishops' Council's Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns.

## Members

- **Rev Dr Anderson Jeremiah** - Lecturer, University of Lancaster, CMEAC member.
- **Canon Dr Addy Lazz-Onyenobi** - Deanery Lay Chair, Diocese of Manchester, CMEAC member and member of the Anglican Minority Ethnic Network (AMEN).
- **Annika Mathews** - Lay Representative of the Church of England to the Churches Together England Enabling Group, former Church of England Youth Council member and Synod representative.

- **Joanna Moriarty** - Partner (Charities and Social Enterprise) Green Park leadership and recruitment consultancy services.
- **Ben Nicholls** - Youth worker at St Paul's, Hammersmith.
- **Rev Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy** - BAME Mission and Ministry Enabler (Leicester Diocese). CMEAC member.
- **Ven Neil Warwick** - Archdeacon of Bristol.

## Latest news

- 27/01/21 - [Update from the Anti-Racism Taskforce](#)
- 08/02/21 - [Statement from the Anti-Racism Taskforce](#)
- 13/10/20 - [Church of England's Anti-Racism Taskforce launches](#)
- 24/06/20 - [New Task Force to ensure action over racism in the Church of England](#)
- 11/02/20 - [General Synod votes to apologise over racism](#)

A key part of the work of the Taskforce has been examining more than 160 recommendations on racial justice in the Church of England contained in past reports dating back to 1985, from bodies including the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) and its predecessor, the Committee on Black Anglican Concerns.

## Reports reviewed

Please note that some of these PDF files have been scanned in from the original hard-copy, as soft-copies do not exist.

### Search

- GS Misc 1108 - I too am CofE: A follow up to Unfinished Business matching words with action
- GS 1844 - Unfinished Business: A Pastoral and Missional Approach for the Next Decade
- GS Misc 994e - Unfinished Business appendices
- GS Misc 977 - Seeds of Hope: Report of a Survey on Instruments for Combating Racism in the Dioceses of the Church of England
- GS 1512 - Called to Act Justly: A Challenge to Include Minority Ethnic People in the Life of the Church of England
- GS 1650 - Talent and calling: A review of the law and practice regarding appointments to the offices of suffragan bishop, dean, archdeacon and residentiary canon

- [GS 1655 - Present and Participating: A place at the table](#)
- [GS 2123 - Centuries of Marginalisation: Visions of Hope](#)
- [GS 2132 - No Easy Answer: Responding to Serious Youth Violence](#)
- [GS 2156A - Windrush Commitment and Legacy](#)
- [GS Misc 702 - An amazing journey](#)
- [GS Misc 625 - Called to Lead: A Challenge to Include Minority Ethnic People](#)
- [Diversity in Dialogue: Building Bridges for the Future](#)
- [Everyday People: God's Gift to the Church of England](#)
- [How We Stand: A report on black Anglican membership of the Church of England in the 1990's](#)
- [Roots and Wings: Report of The Black Anglican Celebration for the Decade of Evangelism](#)
- [Seeds of Hope in the Parish Study Pack](#)
- [GS Misc 606 - Serving God in Church and Community](#)
- [GS Misc 602 - Simply Value Us: Meeting the Needs of Young Minority Ethnic Anglicans](#)
- [GS 1220 - The Passing Winter: A sequel to Seeds of Hope](#)

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