



EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION

Action Sheet: Ways to Get Involved **Fall 2023**

THE BRIDGING THE GAP SERIES

Episcopal City Mission is excited to invite you to this fall's Bridging the Gap zoom education and formation series, which will be action-oriented and focus on the practical nuts and bolts of doing work on reparations, solidarity economy, and state-level policy! In our first series, we focused on understanding the roots of the racial wealth gap and the existing work in the community around these issues. BTG#2 will run through the extended advent season, beginning on Nov 7, with a practical in-depth look at local impact investing focused on closing the wealth gap. BTG#2 will run every other Tuesday for 4 sessions: Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5, and Dec 19, from 6:30-8 pm Eastern.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ECM-BTG2>

BECOME A CHURCH CAPTAIN

Beginning in Fall '23, ECM is launching a new volunteer role called Church Captain. Church Captains will engage members of their parish in ECM's organizing work on reparations and shrinking the racial wealth gap, and commit to involving members of their parish in at least four ECM activities and actions each year (there will be many more than four to choose from). To sign up, e-mail ECM's Lead Organizer, Hannah Hafter, at hannah@ecmteam.us.

Read the full position description here: <https://tinyurl.com/ECMCaptain>

REPARATIONS

On Sunday, December 3, 2-4 PM, The Reparations Interfaith Coalition will host **Call to Repair: Justice, Healing and Reparations in Massachusetts**, a virtual Interfaith Reparations Gathering bringing together organizations, communities and congregations across Massachusetts to learn and discuss how the reparations movement is progressing locally and how we can move it forward. At this event, national and local Black leaders in the reparations movement will speak to our shared sense that reparations are not a transaction but rather a spiritual and ethical practice. This event is open to all those interested in building their understanding of and work towards reparations. We hope to leave you with action ideas for education, advocacy, and ways to make material reparations.

Register for the Reparations gathering at: <https://tinyurl.com/MAInterfaithReparations>



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POLICY

Affordable Housing & Foreclosure Prevention: To email and/or call your state senator and representative about ECM's priority housing legislation for shrinking the racial wealth gap, go to the Homes for All Coalition website at <https://www.homesforallmass.org/act/>

More Opportunities to Impact Policy: Make sure you're on ECM's email list to find out about upcoming Lobby Days, opportunities to send written testimony to State House hearings, public actions, and more. If you are particularly interested in being part of our policy advocacy, email Lead Organizer Hannah Hafter at hannah@ecmteam.us.

To read ECM's full MA state policy platform, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ECMPolicy>.

To read ECM's summary of ways to work for affordable housing at the municipal level, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ECM-housing>.

SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Local Community Impact Investing: Episcopal City Mission is excited to work with more parishes and Episcopalian individuals and families to move a portion of investment funds (such as an endowment or stocks) to local community projects that help close the racial wealth gap. We are currently working with the Boston Impact Initiative (BII) to direct investments to their Fund II which provides capital for community land trusts and social enterprise ventures by entrepreneurs of color, and offers 3-5% annual returns. To learn more about BII or start the process, join ECM's "Bridging the Gap" Webinar on Nov 7th from 6:30-8. **Register at:** <https://tinyurl.com/ECM-BTG2>

Procurement: Use the Ujima Good Business Alliance Directory to select vendors for your parish events or ongoing needs. Search by category including everything from catering to auto repair and translation services. Visit <https://www.ujimaboston.com/ugba>.

Solidarity Economy Summit: Keep an eye out for details on an ECM Solidarity Economy Summit in Spring 2024 as well!

ECM builds relationships and collective power across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for racial and economic justice as the expression of God's transforming love. We do this by organizing Episcopalians and funding BIPOC-led movement building in grassroots and faith-rooted organizations.

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