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*Church Pension Group collecting
data on diversity in the Church*

The Church Pension Group (CPG), as the Recorder of Ordinations, is collecting data on race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation from all clergy on a voluntary basis, and deacons are encouraged to participate.

This effort is in support of The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community initiative, and four resolutions passed by the 79th General Convention. Commenting on this shared work, Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry said, "Deacons play a vital role in the Church's presence in the communities where they live. Their participation is critical to capturing a comprehensive picture of ordained people in the Church." Bishop Curry added, "We know that data has a way of dispelling myths. A new picture is emerging in The Episcopal Church. Having this demographic information will help us understand how we are doing on the journey to looking more like God's beloved community."

CPG has updated its technology systems to facilitate the collection of the requested demographic information, and notes that the data will be used for analysis and reported in aggregate form in its various reports on trends in ordination, deployment, and compensation. Race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation data will not be used to administer benefits, and will not be printed in the Episcopal Clerical Directory.

To participate, Deacons are asked to:

1. Visit www.cpg.org. Scroll down to and click on the blue button, "Let's Get Started", under "Be Part of the Picture".
2. Sign in or create an account
3. Click "Edit Profile"
4. Select "Clergy Information," and go to "Church Reporting."

The process is quick, convenient, and safe. Those looking for additional information on the initiative and the General Convention resolutions can visit cpg.org/picture.

This article was provided by the Church Pension Group's Communications department on the importance of all ordained persons participating in the new demographic data gathering CPG is doing as the Recorder of Ordinations as requested by General Convention.