



**Report of the Afro Anglican Commission (AAC)  
Diocese of California;  
Founded 1980s as African American Commission (AAC)**

Report of September 19, 2016, submitted by newly elected chair,  
Dr. Dorothy Randall Tsuruta

The commission was active in the following events during 2016:

Election of Chair

In February of 2016, the members of AAC elected Dr. Dorothy Randall Tsuruta, a member of Grace Cathedral, chair of the AAC.

AAC Diocesan Celebration of Absalom Jones

The AAC is pleased to report that this year on Sunday, February 20, 2016, we had a wonderful Absalom Jones celebration at St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Oakland, California. The preacher was the Rev. Lester Mackenzie from Los Angeles. The music was provided by the Stabe Wilson Band, Prof. Lynne Morrow, and the Pacific Voice Choir. It was a wonderfully spirit-filled celebration. Bishop Marc joined the celebration and was very much appreciated. This is a diocesan even and as in the past, was well attended by parishes throughout the Bay Area.

The AAC also was pleased and supportive of Alberta Buller, an African American, who was recently ordained to the permanent deacons. And while not an event we sponsored, members of AAC attended and took part in the Black History Month Sundays at Grace Cathedral.

Membership

We are pleased to report an increase in membership.