

## **Participant's Informed Consent**

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This form offers information to help you determine your willingness to contribute your story or oral history to my research and to make it available for future researchers.

My dissertation is tentatively titled *Paved with Good Intentions: A Dance Along the Path to Racial Unity in the Episcopal Church*.

You are being invited to share your memories that are relevant to the subject of my dissertation: the racial integration of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

Interviews will be scheduled at your convenience and no single session will last more than ninety minutes. Recorded interviews may be transcribed and the recordings and transcripts may be archived in oral history collections and may be used in teaching, publications, exhibitions, the World Wide Web, and other presentations in ways that are consistent with the mission of the host of the collection.

The information collected from your interview may appear in a doctoral dissertation and may be used in articles written for publication.

You may change your mind about sharing this information at any time without affecting your relationship with the researcher. If you choose to withdraw at any point, the recordings and any transcripts that have been made will be destroyed but information gathered may still be included in the dissertation if that work is already in progress.

There is no remuneration for your contribution of the oral history but you will receive a copy of the video and any transcripts that are made for your records or for your family.

You may remain anonymous, in which case recordings will be audio only and you will be designated by a pseudonym. If you choose to use a pseudonym, the researcher will make every effort to use only general terms in descriptions relating to your information, but you should be aware that preserving anonymity may be difficult given the specifics of the situation.

There are no known risks involved in collecting this information; however, any time old memories are revisited, there is the possibility for negative memories to surface.

The expected benefits of collecting this oral history include enabling historians, scholars, students, and those whom you share the information with to learn about historical events

from a primary source. Your oral history also may contribute to an understanding of race and racial reconciliation.

Please feel free to ask questions before, during, or after the interview.

If you feel you have not been treated in accordance to the descriptions in this form, or that your rights as a participant have been violated during this project, you may contact Dr. Brian Britt, the chair of my dissertation committee at Virginia Tech, at the phone numbers listed below.

Please check one statement in each group below and sign your name if you consent to be a part of this study with full knowledge of the purpose and nature of the research. You will receive a copy of this consent form for your records.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to remain anonymous in any transcript, tape, and reference to any information contained in the interviews in which I participate.

W.D.V. I choose to be identified by name in the transcripts, tapes, and references to any information contained in the interviews in which I participate.

W.D.V. I understand and agree that the interviewer may donate any and all materials to an archive during or upon completion of her research. I authorize the archives to use the recordings, transcripts, and related papers for such scholarly and educational uses as the curator(s) of the archives shall determine.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be a part of this research project but do not wish to have videos or transcripts of my interviews archived. Instead, the videos will be destroyed upon completion of the research.

I voluntarily agree to participate in this study and agree to be interviewed according to the terms outlined above. I have read and understand the Informed Consent and the conditions of this project. I have had all my questions answered. I hereby acknowledge the above and give my voluntary consent for participation in this project.

William D. Vickers  
Name (please print) of participant

William D. Vickers  
Signature of participant

5-14-15  
Date

Contact the following with questions about the research:

Nina V. Salmon, Interviewer 434-384-7552

Dr. Brian Britt, Dissertation Committee Chair 540-231-5118

Should you have any questions or concerns about the study's conduct or your rights as a research subject, or need to report a research-related injury or event, you may contact the VT IRB Chair, Dr. David Moore at [moored@vt.edu](mailto:moored@vt.edu) or (540) 231-4991.