



The Bishop's Task Force on **Racial Profiling**



Merelyn's most recent work has been directing a research study for the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, "The Bishop's Task Force on Racial Profiling." For this study, Merelyn collected and assessed personal racial profiling stories from across fifty states, overseas military personnel and Sioux from the Rosebud reservation. The research mission is to "reveal straight forwardly the everyday patterns and practices of systematic profiling [and] the presumptions underlying certain unjust legal structures" that

perpetuate discrimination, particularly of African American men and boys regardless of education or high professional achievement. Merelyn started the project to "bring light" to the social injustices that she knows through personal experience exist in our society. She started the project in a "quest for civil equality" and community social justice modeled by her grandparents. She hopes this study can provide evidence "for the legal nullification of laws and doctrine not respecting the dignity of every human being."