

The Time Is Now: Racial Justice Begins at Home



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God
is still
speaking,

Welcome & Introductions

*Whoever you are
and wherever you are on life's journey
you are welcome here!*

Goals for this Workshop

We hope to...

- Share a vision for racial justice ministry
- Spark ideas & excitement!
- Learn from one another
- Share resources
- Begin to build a community of trust and accountability

Agreements

- Speak from personal experience
- Respect the experience of others; “both/and” thinking
- Share time and space
- Keep confidentiality - what’s said here stays here, what’s learned here leaves here
- Allow for discomfort...Be BRAVE!
- Keep Spirit-connection open
- Stay engaged; take care of yourself
- Expect/accept non-closure

Opening the Conversation

Think of a time...

How did someone help you talk about race?

OR

If you didn't get help, what would have helped?

Sharing a Vision

What could a racial justice ministry look like?

How does racial justice ministry impact our ways of “being church” in the world?



What If....

Racial justice ministry is not a temporary, time-limited special project but a fundamental re-imagination of how we talk/worship/relate.

Racial justice ministry is a “way in” to deepening the usual tasks of faith formation, worship, bible study, fellowship, and community service.

Individual Reflection & Sharing

What might racial justice ministry look like in *your* church?

dream big!



Examples of Racial Justice Ministry

- Sacred Conversations on Race
- Bible studies, book groups, movies, discussions
- Re-examine history (e.g. as taught in new member classes)
- Community outreach: public speakers, events
- Preaching on racial justice
- Partnerships with advocacy organizations
- Become a Multi-Cultural, Multi-Racial Church
- Become an anti-racist organization
- Activism/direct action

Group Brainstorm

How can the CPC Racial Justice Network
support your church to do this work?

dream bigger!



Congregational Commitment

What will you commit to doing this year?



Closing Litany

We are one in the bonds of Love

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We are joined together in the Spirit of God

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