

Happy New Year to you, Friends and Followers of the MORE Team!

As we begin 2024, the Mount Olivet Racial Equity (MORE) Team continues to seek ways to work towards racial equity and justice. It's a journey, and we appreciate your interest and companionship! Verse 1:17 of Isaiah reads "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." Here are a few opportunities to begin, or continue, your own journey to act on Isaiah's words.

1. [Come Together for Racial Justice](#) via Zoom on Thursday, January 18, at 7pm. Join the [Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement](#) as they kick off another year of powerful conversations led by Pastor Kelly Chatman. Ground yourself in conversations with others committed to racial justice and systems change.

2. If you are compelled by your faith to learn about anti-racism, and want to engage with like-minded people, participate in a three-part, online series from **People of Faith**, part of the [Anti-Racism Collective](#). First session is Tuesday, January 23. Details below, click [here](#) to learn more and register.



UNLEARN | SPEAK OUT | TAKE ACTION |
REPEAT
Together we can disrupt harm caused by
racism.

People of Faith Winter Series 2024
via Zoom

I. Three Part Learning Series - Winter:

- Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 7 pm - 8:30 pm
What Does Faith Have To Do With It?
What about faith leads us to action for social justice and anti-racism?
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 7 pm - 8:30 pm
Why Are Predominately White Churches Resistant To Anti-Racism Work?
An opportunity to learn about and discuss how White Christian Nationalism and White Supremacy impact White Churches' resistance to lead in Anti-Racism work.
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7 pm - 8:30 pm
How Is "Proximity" Important In Anti-Racism Work?
Advantages and myths about proximity to People of Color on the anti-racism journey.

II. Field trips to faith based organizations like a Hindu temple, Mosque, Jewish temple, etc

To sign-up for the zoom link, email Elena: elensbritosifferlin@gmail.com

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3. [RACE - The Power of an Illusion](#) asks a question so basic it's rarely raised: what is this thing we call *race*? This series has become one of the most widely used documentaries ever in formal and non-formal education in the US. Millions of people have used the film to scrutinize their own deep-seated beliefs about race and explore how our social divisions are not natural or

inevitable, but made. Offered through St. Joan of Arc, [Sign up now](#) to experience and make meaning from this award-winning documentary series over three Tuesday evenings, starting January 23.

4. Attend **(un)Learning 101**, and dive into your discovery of anti-racism. This five part series explores how racism and enslavement impact our understanding of history, workplace, and community. Tuesday evenings via Zoom, starting February 6. [Click here to register](#). (I've taken this course, and it's enlightening, educational, and very worthwhile!)

"WE ALL DO BETTER WHEN WE ALL DO BETTER" - Sen. Paul Wellstone

Janet Johnson

On behalf of the MORE Team

Use this [link](#) to learn about the MORE Team and read last month's newsletter, then explore the [Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth](#) website.