Denver Presbytery Racial Ethnic Diversity “RED” Work Group

Informational Session on Anti-Racism Christian Education Resources Tuesday, October 24, 2017

1. Opening Prayer from *Race and Prayer: Collected Voices, Many Dreams* (2003) Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA
2. Introductions (and some contact info for RED Work Group)
   1. RED Moderator: The Rev. John Yu [jihoon526@gmail.com](mailto:jihoon526@gmail.com)
   2. Presbytery Staff: The Rev. Amy Mendez [amy@denpres.org](mailto:amy@denpres.org) 303-777-2453
   3. Questions about today’s info session: The Rev. Dr. Laura Sugg, [Laura@wrpres.org](mailto:Laura@wrpres.org) 303-422-2354
3. RED resource links on Denver Presbytery Web site: denpres.org 🡪 resources (dropdown menu) 🡪 Racial Ethnic Diversity 🡪 scroll down below picture for links to the following groups and to the right to the following resources:
   1. [Presbyterian Mission Agency Racial Justice](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/racial-ethnic-and-womens-ministries/gender-and-racial-justice-ministries/) <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/racial-ethnic-and-womens-ministries/gender-and-racial-justice-ministries/>
   2. [Interfaith Alliance of Colorado](http://interfaithallianceco.org/) <https://interfaithallianceco.org/>
   3. [Showing Up for Racial Justice of Denver](http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/) <http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/> Through community organizing, mobilizing and education, SURJ moves white people to act as part of a multi-racial majority for justice with passion and accountability.
   4. [Study: Being Reformed Race and Reconcilation](https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/9/30/new-race-and-reconciliation-study/)
   5. Policy: [Presbyterian Mission Agency: Facing Racism Policy](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/facing-racism-vision-intercultural-community-churchwide-antiracism-policy/)
   6. Study: [Presbyterian Mission Agency: Facing Racism 6-week study](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/facing-racism-vision-intercultural-community-antiracism-study-guides/)
   7. [Click here for suggestion book reading](https://denpres.org/s/Book-List-for-web-resources.pdf) Titles and publishers of these books and about seven more.
   8. [Bulletin Insert](https://denpres.org/s/RED-Bulletin-Insert-Draft-LTR.docx) –Information about the Racial Ethnic Diversity Work Group and the ways it can help congregations in Denver Presbytery. The RED mission is: *Inspiring mutual affirmation of ethnicity in the Presbytery of Denver*
4. PCUSA Christian Education Resources around Anti-Racism
   1. Facing Racism 6-week study, free download via RED page or directly: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/facing-racism-vision-intercultural-community-antiracism-study-guides/>
   2. Being Reformed: Race and Reconciliation (Confession of 1967 and the Confession of Belhar). We have 15 copies here today and you can order via link on the RED page or directly:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/9/30/new-race-and-reconciliation-study/>

* 1. October-November 2017 issue of *Presbyterians Today.* Four articles on stories of healing by facing racism. We have 20 copies here today. Multiple copies may be ordered from the PCUSA Store: <http://www.pcusastore.com/> Only $1.25 each if you order more than 10 copies.

1. Book studies (just two with study guides, another of , plus a new one we haven’t looked at yet)
   1. *Waking Up White—and finding myself in the story of race*
      1. PCUSA Co-Moderators, Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, recommended this book to all congregations in the first year of their term—2016.
      2. Free downloadable study for *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving, © 2014 Elephant Room Press. We have 15 hard copies but the study is free as a download: <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf>
      3. We have one copy to give away.
   2. *The New Jim Crow*
      1. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander, © 2010, 2012, the New Press, New York. We have one copy to give away.
      2. *The New Jim Crow Study Guide and Call to Action* is about $6 per copy on amazon.com and we have 8 copies to give away today.
   3. *Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds*
      1. *Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds,* David Maxwell, editor, © 2016 (early 2016), Westminster John Knox Press. Essays from ten contributors offer “concerned Christians the chance to clarify terms and issues around racism and discern how to respond.”
      2. We have five copies to give away today.
   4. *Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor*
      1. The second book recommended by the PCUSA Co-Moderators for the “one church, one book” movement. It explores the intersection of race and poverty.
      2. *Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor* by Liz Theoharis, © 2017, Eerdmans.
      3. We have multiple copies of a Presbyterian Outlook article on their choice and you can link to it here: <http://pres-outlook.org/2017/07/presbyterians-intersection-poverty-race-co-moderators-commend-new-title-one-church-one-book/>
2. Miscellaneous resources
   1. The Racism Scale
      1. went viral on social media and continues to be developed by its non-expert, surprised-at-the-response creator.
      2. We have hard copies here of version 3.0, but you can explore more at: <https://racismscale.weebly.com/>
   2. Lelanda Lee
      1. Lelanda is a Colorado Episcopalian who volunteers often at the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center.
      2. She has created some free curriculum that Laura Sugg really appreciated using. Laura combined it with the Race and Reconciliation-1967/Belhar curriculum for a six-week adult education study at Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church.
      3. We have a double-sided handout with link to download her curriculum and “7 Guidelines for Conversations on Racism.”
      4. Her internet presence isn’t through a web site, you can message her through Facebook so she knows you are not a “bot” <https://www.facebook.com/LelandaLee> and her email address is: [lelandalee@gmail.com](mailto:lelandalee@gmail.com)
3. Sharing ideas of ways to address issues of color, ethnicity, privilege, anti-racism through Christian Education—THIS IS WHERE YOU SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, ARE PLANNING—first, used any of these resources? Additional ones to suggest?
4. Questions for the group?
5. RESOURCES Shared at the meeting:
   1. Films/YouTube
      1. *13th*- a documentary re: 13th Amendment. On Netflix—trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V66F3WU2CKk>
      2. *Same Kind of Different as Me* in movie theaters now
      3. Bryan Stevenson TED talk (2012—23m41sec): <https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice>
      4. Bryan Stevenson Interview with Jon Stewart (October 16, 2014; 6m28sec)

<http://www.cc.com/video-clips/d9wrvk/the-daily-show-with-jon-stewart-bryan-stevenson>

* 1. Books/Reading
     1. Interfaith Alliance of Colorado study—not sure which one <https://interfaithallianceco.org/initiatives/facing-racism/racial-justice-resources/#1477686770995-4cf7dfab-e3be>
     2. Belhar Confession- source of pride. Read it and studied it during elder training
     3. *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
     4. *White Flour* by David LaMotte. Although marketed as children’s book, helpful for all ages
     5. *Jackie Robinson-*a Scholastic book for children but helpful for all
     6. *Pigs in Heaven*- by Barbara Kingsolver
     7. *ZenZele: A Letter for My Daughter* by J. Nozipo Maraire
     8. *Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-Term Missions with Cultural Intelligence*- by David A. Livermore