

REFLECTIONS & CONVERSATIONS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Having “the right answer” is not what’s important. What’s important are the discoveries we make along the way.</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6 Service: Becoming An Anti-Racist Disciple	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<i>Reflect: Who is in our church, and why do I think they are there? How do I see these people being like me, not like me? What is the difference between welcoming and inviting? List 3 things that make us welcoming. How might we make these things inviting?</i>				
13 Service: Building Beloved Community	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<i>a) Reflect: What does the term “racial justice” mean to me? Why? b) Have a conversation: Ask this question of someone you know who may think differently from you, OR someone you’ve never spoken to before. Why does the person think the way they think?</i>				
20 Service: Racial Fatigue	21	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>a) Reflect: Am I engaged in the topic of racism? Why or why not? b) Have a conversation on this question with a trusted friend: With genuine curiosity, keep asking one another, “Why?” to dig deeper.</i>				
27 Service: Now What?	28	<i>Reflect: In a concrete way, what might transformation look like for us as a church? Think about your engagement in various spheres in the Parkminster community – worship, Sunday School, music, social groups, committees. What changes, if any, do I think we need to make these spheres more inviting, in the deep sense of the word? Who can I talk to about these changes?</i>				



A SPACE FOR RESPONDING TO THE QUESTIONS

SUN, FEB 6: BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST DISCIPLE

INSPIRATION: REV. PAUL WALFALL

SUN, FEB 13: BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

INSPIRATION: DIANNE HOPE

SUN, FEB 20: ON RACIAL FATIGUE

INSPIRATION: REV. MITCHELL ANDERSON

SUN, FEB 27: NOW WHAT?

INSPIRATION: ADELE HALLIDAY

While personal growth is meaningful, systemic transformation is a concrete challenge that requires deep and ongoing commitment. Read this week's calendar questions with this in mind. Nudge: If you are on a committee, consider that February is a time of new beginning for committees. How might your committee invite change? What else at Parkminster can be transformed?

Links to sources used in Sunday services. Note: The pdf links include great children's activities!

Feb 6 – Rev. Paul Walfall - https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/antiracism-40_day01.pdf, & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnaDCDM2ct4>

Feb 13 – Dianne Hope - https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/antiracism-40_day05.pdf.

Feb 20 – Rev. Mitchell Anderson - https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-10/antiracism-40_day07.pdf & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phrqAS1f6vI>

Feb 27 – Adele Halliday - https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-11/antiracism-40_day40.pdf

