

Join Us for a Transforming Training Opportunity

The Western PA Conference Anti-Racism Team will host a two and a half day seminar to encourage and promote an understanding of systemic racism in our communities and institutions.

Lead by presenters from Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, “participants will build a common definition of racism and explore the historic development of institutional racism in the US. They will examine ongoing realities of racism including the identity-shaping power racism has on People of Color and White people; explore racism’s individual, institutional and cultural manifestations; and consider the link between racism and other forms of oppression. A strategic methodology to dismantle racism will be introduced, focusing specifically on applying principles of organizing and social/cultural change.”*

*<http://crossroadsantiracism.org/training/workshops/>

Understanding Our Five Areas of Focus

The Western PA Conference of The United Methodist Church through our Five Areas of Focus believes: “... that God will make a significant difference in our world and church if we work in committed and cooperative ways...”* One of these areas of focus states:

“We are committed to creating a culture of inclusiveness. We are richer with diversity and we will continue to find ways to witness with full inclusion and the embracing of all our sisters and brothers of color.”*

*<http://www.wpaumc.org/fiveareasoffocus>

Friday, October 10

5:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Opening & Introductions

Saturday, October 11

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Session 1
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Session 2
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, October 12

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Session 3
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Session 4

*1.2 Continuing Education Units
will be granted upon request.*

Registration

The Anti-Racism Team wants to make this seminar available to people in all circumstances. Therefore, the Team will cover the cost of the seminar and the meals. Please indicate special needs and a phone number so we may address these issues. (Limited funds are available to cover financial needs.)

Child Care
 Dietary Needs
 Mobility Needs
 Language, hearing and vision needs
 Scholarships
(missed wages, lodging)
 other _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Church _____

Email _____

You may register on line at:
<http://www.wpaumc.org>

or fill out registration form and mail to:
Mary C. Stewart
6832 Garfield Avenue
Harborcreek, PA 16421

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2014

Our Vision

In response to God's Grace, we the people of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church joyfully embrace our identity as an Anti-racist community of faith.

A community that is:

- Obedient to God
- Showing love to our neighbors of all races and faiths.

We intentionally act according to Anti-racism principles. We model an Anti-racist way of living and seek to live into the truth that "All this is from God, who reconciled us to God through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

2 Cor 5:18 (NRSV)

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Avalon Hotel, 16 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501. The hotel is located within a short walking distance from First UM Methodist Church.

Participants are responsible for making reservation by calling 814-459-2220. Please request the group rate of \$79.00 plus tax for Western PA Conference United Methodist Church.

Rooms are guaranteed until 9/22/2014; following that date rooms will be on a space availability basis.



Seminar is sponsored by The Anti-Racism Team of the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church

Seeking God's Beloved Community...

The Western PA Conference
Anti-Racism Team presents



Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism



October 10-12, 2014

at the First United Methodist Church of Erie
707 Sassafras Street Erie, PA 16501-1062

