



Anti-Racism Programming 2021

DOTAC Racial Justice Journey

Working and learning together to be anti-racism advocates and allies.

Thursday, June 17 and Thursday, July 15

noon—1:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

Building understanding about the history of colonialism and its impact on Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada

Monday, August 9

1pm- 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time

or 6pm- 8:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time

Exploring the Missing Chapter

Raising awareness of the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the United States.

Monday, October 18

1pm- 3:00 pm Central Daylight Time

or 6pm- 8:00pm Central Daylight Time

Non-Violence Training

Exploring with Christian Peacemaker Teams, the basic tactics for social change and de-escalation skills.

Tuesday, November 2 Central Daylight Time

Noon—3 p.m.



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In 2020, and again in Lent 2021, 30-40 diaconal siblings gathered five times for emotionally and spiritually powerful learning, prayer, scripture study and discussion about being allies in racial justice. Representing an ecumenical spectrum, people attended from throughout the DOTAC region.

The journey continues in June and July.

This is not just an information exchange or book study. Participants were asked to be prepared to do emotional work and to name places in their context where they can take action.

Leadership



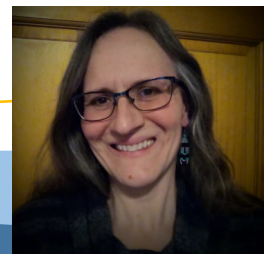
MARLENE BRITTON is a diaconal minister currently serving the United Church of Canada. She received her theological training in her homeland of Jamaica, after which she was served 4 years in Belize, and 16 years in Barbados and 7 years in Canada. Currently she serves at the General Council Office of the United Church of Canada as the Program co-ordinator for Admission and Pastoral Relations.

DAVID ROJAS MARTÍNEZ, originally from central Mexico, is currently living and working in Minneapolis, U.S.A. He serves as the Community Engagement and Education Coordinator for a Lutheran Church (ELCA) and is a consecrated deacon of the Lutheran Diaconal Association. His faith community and he have been at the forefront of responding to needs in light of George Floyd's murder last year, the social unrest which followed, and the current climate of uncertainty in the Twin Cities of Minnesota as well as its suburbs. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University ('15) and Luther Seminary ('20).



HYERIM PARK studies in the Diaconal Ministry program at the Centre for Christian Studies and the Masters of Theological Studies at St. Andrew's College. In 2018 Hyerim moved to Canada from South Korea. She has training as a teacher and taught in Korea prior to coming to Canada. She also has studied English in the United States and the Philippines. Over the years, she has played lots of sports, participated in theatre, and even was in a rock band. An advocate for inclusion and diversity, Hyerim has been involved in, and very passionate about intercultural ministry, anti-racism training and the rights of sexual minorities.

COLLEEN HANKINS BERNU Colleen Bernu was raised in Wisconsin, and now lives in Minnesota. Colleen's desire to connect communities, her heart for the marginalized, and passion to lead others into meeting Christ through diakonia guide her ministry. As a mission developer, she led the development of *Together Here*, a ministry of mutual accompaniment with Ojibwe neighbors. Colleen is an approved Deacon candidate in the ELCA and the ELCA Deaconess Community. She is a descendant of the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and lives with her family on the Fond Du Lac Indian Reservation.



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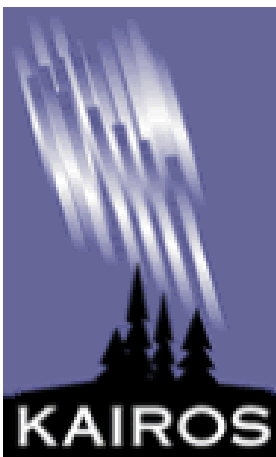
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The Blanket Exercise is based on Indigenous methodologies and the goal is to build understanding about the shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. In the original version, everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. Because of COVID, the Canadian ecumenical Social Justice group/movement -- KAIROS -- has developed a virtual KAIROS Blanket Exercise workshop. This online session honours the experiential and participatory elements of the in-person KBE, while making adjustments for a safe experience in an online environment.

By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. Indigenous elders and trained non-indigenous leaders work together to facilitate the session.



It is very important that participants log onto the call with a laptop/desktop or tablet. This activity can't be done through the ZOOM phone application. KAIROS will ask participants to change their backgrounds throughout the session and we will ask them to use the chat features.

Participants are also asked to log into the Zoom call 15 before the session starts.

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Minimum number for each session: 20; Maximum: 45.

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Exploring the Missing Chapter

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“Exploring the Missing Chapter” is an interactive workshop that raises awareness of the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in the United States. The workshop, utilizing the film “Missing Chapter: How the US Stole Thousands of Native American Children” (Vox), is designed to increase knowledge about the laws, policies, and programs used during nation building in order to begin conversation about how we can build intercultural bridges together. Participants will reflect on historical narrative and implicit biases and how these affect our journeys within our vocations and lives in community. The workshop utilizes discussions based on real-life experiences of Native peoples in the United States (recorded and/or live). Participants may experience powerful emotions during the exercise and can step away if needed.

The workshop will be led by facilitators from *Together Here Ministries* of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



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Non-Violence Training

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Since the mid-1980s, Christian Peacemaker Teams have been placed, at the invitation of local communities, in situations that confront situations of conflict. All around the world, these teams support folks who face terrifying struggle. Their action, and presence, confronts systems of violence and injustice, which CPT understands to be rooted in systemic structures of oppression.

CPT now offers online workshops for community groups and organizations. If you are interested in learning practical skills for community transformation, and on the basics of nonviolent tactics for social change and de-escalation skills, this online participatory workshop is for you.



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