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Faith Development Office Webinar

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Welcome!

Naming Race

February, 2016



Presenter

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Panelists

Lauren Wyeth, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Kirsten Hunter, Director of Religious Education, South Church UU in Portsmouth, NH

Rev. Jamil Scott, International Order of Buddhist Ministers, Acting Director of Religious Exploration, First Unitarian Society of Denver

Sheila Schuh, Director of Religious Education, First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY



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We can dare to face ourselves in our entirety,
to understand our pain,
to feel the tears,
to listen to our frustration and confusion, and
to discover new capacities and capabilities
that will empower and transform us.

~ Rev. Mel Hoover, Been In the Storm So Long



Goals

Model vulnerability for ourselves and each other

Affirm the complexity of racial justice work

Celebrate risk

Share insights and wisdom



Shared Vision of our UU Movement

Congregations and communities are intentionally inclusive, multigenerational and multicultural.

Congregations and communities engage in partnerships to counter systems of power, privilege and oppression.



It may be that when we no longer know
what to do we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to
go we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.

The impeded stream is the one that sings.

"The Real Work" by Wendell Berry, from Standing by Words. © 1983





Stories of Naming Race

- What happened
- Insights / lessons learned
- Best practices to be shared
- How this experience shaped my own identity



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Video resource:
“What’s Wrong
with White Talk?”





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Starting Here



Sheila Schuh, DRE

- *Listening to people of color
- *Addressing situation
- *Addressing in system
- *Opening myself
- *Ongoing struggle and pain





Q&A and Discussion

What resonated?

Do you have a story to share that others would learn from?

What are your next steps from here?



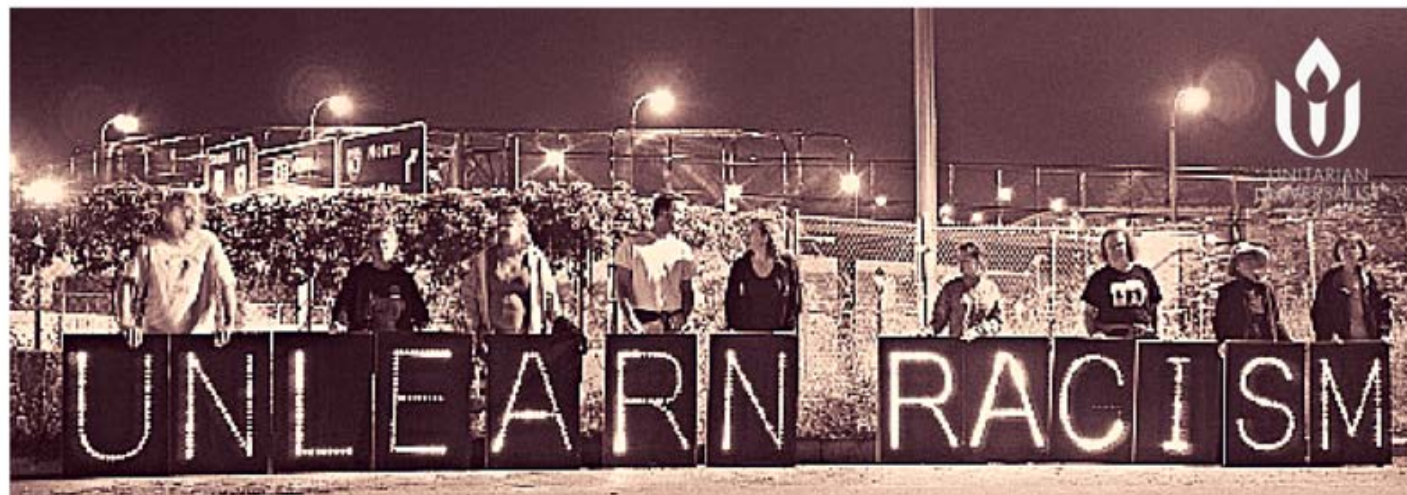
Closing Words

Prayer for Living in Tension

If we have any hope of transforming the world and changing ourselves, we must be bold enough to step into our discomfort, brave enough to be clumsy there, loving enough to forgive ourselves and others.

May we, as a people of faith, be granted the strength to be so bold,
so brave,
and so loving.

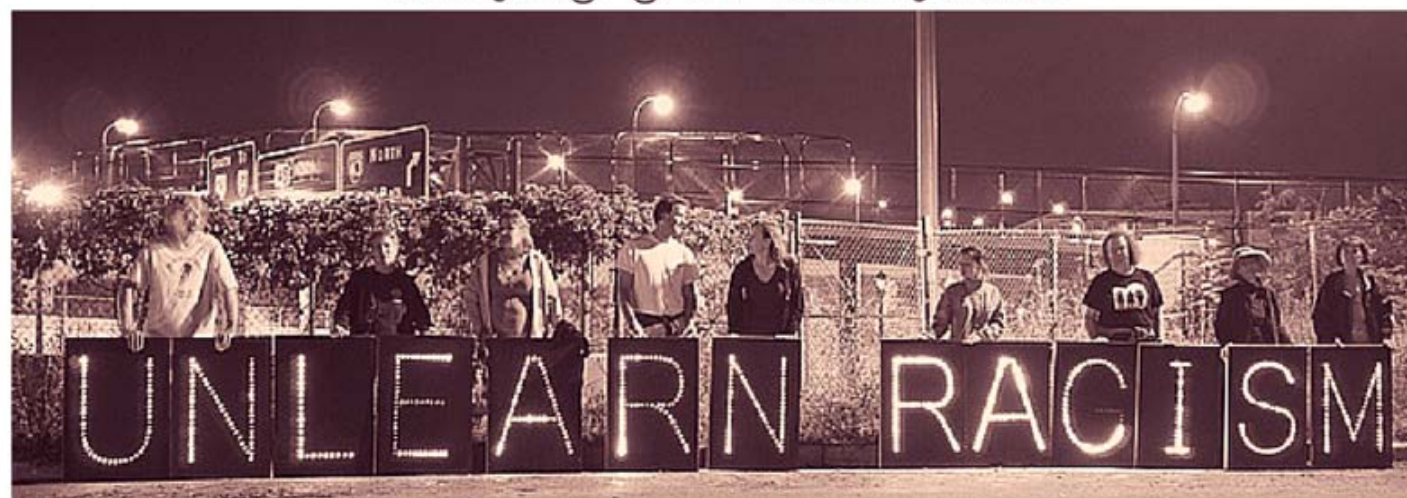
~ Rev. Joseph M Cherry (excerpt) from *An Anthology of Meditations: Voices from the Margins*



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