

Challenging Racism Group Annual Report 2019-2020

Challenging Racism Group (CRG) supports members of this Congregation in their journey toward spiritual growth and self-knowledge about their own racial, ethnic, and class privilege. We present programs that affirm the worth and dignity of all and build meaningful connections with others on this journey. Our evolving mission is to assist UUAA by engaging in conversations about race, ethnicity, and class; and to provide opportunities for reflection and action.

Members who regularly attended our monthly planning meetings are:

Kathy McLean (co-chair)	Margaret Pekarek (co-chair)
Larry Works (co-chair)	Charlie Pekarek
Edie Croake	Kathy Friedrichs
Lucia Heinold	Mary Ann Hergenrother
Sharon Hewitt	Louise Kazaranoff
Jeannine LaPrad	Quincy Northrup
Joanna Courteau	

This year the Challenging Racism Group has engaged in planning and or participating in the following events and activities:

- held one day mini retreat to plan for the coming year
- created a covenant
- co-sponsored a showing and discussion of the film *Banished* (with Mindful Eating Team)
- purchased 10 copies of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* to loan to congregants
- sponsored a viewing of a BLUU worship service followed by discussion
- co-sponsored a forum on multicultural outreach (with Quiana and Unity Group)
- co-sponsored a forum about the PPC (Poor Peoples' Campaign) (with Unity Group)
- facilitated a book discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*
- sponsored a diaper drive for families in need in Washtenaw Co
- co-sponsored showing and discussion of film *Healing Justice* (with Friends of Restorative Justice)co-sponsored a viewing and discussion of film *Who Was Diani Crystal* (with IAC)
- updated digital platforms for CRG (thanks Larry!)

Members of CRG participate in a variety of anti-racism activities in the wider community, such as the Poor Peoples' Campaign, Being Black in AA (at St Andrews), Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, and Washtenaw RACE Dialogues, providing reports back to the group.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the work of the CRG this year and to members of the congregation who attended our events and contributed their unique perspectives.

Gratefully submitted,
Kathy McLean (co-chair)
Margaret Pekarek (co-chair)
Larry Works (co-chair)