



NEWS FROM THE RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Talking to Children about Race – Jan 21

What is racism? How does it differ from prejudice? How does it play out in institutional, interpersonal, and internalized forms? How can parents interrupt the transmission of racist ideas their children may receive? These are questions discussed by 36 Plymouth people in a workshop organized by the Racial Justice Ministry and led by professional training group Border Crossers. Participants were grateful for the frank discussion that followed and felt their own understanding had grown. As one said, "This was great, let's keep the conversation going!"

Interfaith Coalition on Criminal Justice – Feb. 12

Five Plymouth members had the rousing experience of joining with folks from 10 other houses of worship to kick-off an Interfaith Coalition on Criminal Justice. Hosted and led by Congregation Beth Elohim, this growing faith-based group will seek policies and laws that are more just and less racially biased. In March the Governor and State Legislature will consider proposals to change bail requirements, evidence sharing rules, and other procedures that keep innocent people incarcerated for months or years without trial, simply because they cannot afford bail. This appears to be a critical moment when change may be possible that would reduce needless suffering in Brooklyn communities. We believe the religious community has a special voice to contribute. Stay tuned for details of upcoming actions, and how Plymouth will participate.

"Looking at the Whole: Field Theory, Oppression and You" – Feb. 27 @ 7:00 pm
Carl Hodges will lead this discussion, using field theory to gain a broader understanding of race and oppression.