

RACE EXHIBIT & DIALOGUE

As we grapple with racism, where do we find opportunities to have in depth conversations about race? The Science Museum of MN is one such place. In conjunction with their exhibit "Race: Are We So Different," the Museum offers circle dialogue facilitated by trained community members, for groups and organizations visiting the exhibit and desiring to process their experience together. A fee applies.

Circles last approximately 90 minutes and provide participants the opportunity to interact, ask questions, and share experiences, insights, and learnings, thus deepening their understanding of race, and their own perspectives and responses. What have you experienced, witnessed, or learned about race in your life history? It's an important question and a potent catalyst for meaningful dialogue.

The exhibit invites visitors to "take a cultural and scientific look at race throughout history and discover the many reasons we should celebrate our differences and embrace our shared histories....No one gene, or set of genes, can support the idea of race....Race has not always existed. Sorting people by physical differences is a recent invention." Want to know more? The exhibit is fascinating, engaging, and the dialogue that ensues, equally rich and compelling.

The exhibit and dialogue opportunity are dynamic and effective resources for congregations seeking to further their work on racial equity. For further information about circle dialogue, contact Jean Greenwood at green104@umn.edu. To make arrangements for a group, contact Tony Williams, Community Engagement Specialist for the Science Museum at twilliams@smm.org. For general info: <https://www.smm.org>.