

## Our Congregations: Confronting Racism & Engaging in Anti-Racist Action

In the December 4th edition of EMerge, Anna Kendig, the PTCA's new Anti-Racism Institutional Assessment Coordinator, offered an invitation to an "Imagination Collaboration," summarized the scope and goals of the Presbytery's anti-racism work, and named three perspectives we might embody in our justice and anti-racism work in 2021. If you missed it, [you can read that here](#).

The coordinated efforts of the wider PTCA is just one portion of the commitment of PTCA members and congregations to the work of anti-racism. Here are two congregational examples of anti-racist efforts seeking to reach a wider community. We invite you to tell us what you or your congregation is doing to "spread this conversation wide." Write to Anna at [ptca.anti-racism@gmail.com](mailto:ptca.anti-racism@gmail.com).

From members and friends of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church:

**The [Anti Racism Commitment Coalition](#) presents:**

THE ARCC OF CHANGE with Donzel Leggett

EPISODE Four: My Anti-Racism Transformation Journey and a Discussion with Pastor Dean J. Seal

**[LINK TO THE PODCAST](#)**

In this episode, Donzel Leggett, member of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church in Chaska, explains his "Anti-Racism Transformation Journey" and welcomes the Rev. Dean J. Seal, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, to the show to discuss anti-racism and its critical role in the future of the United States and the world; the importance of interfaith collaboration in spreading anti-racism; and finally, the influence of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The episode also previews ARCC's first ever Book Club event series, Dr. King's "A Letter from a Birmingham Jail," hosted by Pastor Dean J. Seal. To learn more about ARCC, review details about the book club event or donate to the cause, please visit [www.joinarcc.org](http://www.joinarcc.org).

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From PTCA pastor Karen Larson and her UCC congregation in Pine Island:

Twin Cities Public Television featured a two-part series on racial tensions in Pine Island, Minnesota—and the anti-racism work that the **Rev. Karen Larson** is doing, both within her congregation and in the public sphere. Rev. Larson is a member of the Presbytery of

the Twin Cities Area currently serving the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Berne, Minnesota, just west of Pine Island. You can [watch Part I here](#) ("A Black Lives Matter Demonstration Faced Opposition in Pine Island") and [watch Part II here](#) ("Explore a Racial Awakening in a Small Minnesota Town").