

**A NEW SACRED GROUND CIRCLE IS FORMING—
Meetings begin on February 4, 2021
1:00-2:30 pm, Thursday afternoons**

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry is forming a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, that will begin meeting on February 4, 2021.

SACRED GROUND is a race dialogue series designed for these times. The series is intended to bring a community together to participate in transformational conversations about race. Attention is given to the history of race and racism in America. Documentary films and readings focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian American histories, as well as recent thinking of scholars and practitioners of racial healing, racial equity, and whiteness.

SACRED GROUND is framed as a spiritual journey grounded in Christian faith based in the Way of Jesus, the power of God's grace, and the Holy Spirit to help us hold and nurture the vision of Beloved Community.

Participants in the Sacred Ground Circle will be provided access to the online Study Guide and Curriculum resources for this 10-session process. This 2021 Sacred Ground Circle begins Thursday, February 4. It will meet each Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm through Thursday, April 8. Experiencing SACRED GROUND is an opportunity for honest conversation meant to begin healing the broken people and places harmed by racism. SACRED GROUND will inform you, challenge you, and bless you.

SACRED GROUND is part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative of The Episcopal Church. The resources are available to members of a Sacred Ground Circle regardless of church affiliation or no affiliation. You are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of this dialogue committed to peace and reconciliation in our society, personal lives, and ministries.

There is no charge for participation; however, participants will need access to a computer to attend sessions and access materials and will also be asked to read two books (available from libraries or online sellers—approximate total cost of less than \$35).

Click on this link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9BJgiLaloetKPDALPxkliopJWX7_W_9lhOaYPetqldxTMyQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Facilitators for this circle are Sharron Simpson, simshar21@gmail.com, Educator & Spiritual Mentor, Santa Rosa, CA, and Bob Wohlsen, bob.wohlsen@gmail.com, Sacred Ground Facilitator & Social Justice Advocate, Santa Rosa, CA. If you have any questions, please contact them. Please register by January 25, 2021. After you register, Bob or Sharon will contact you with additional information and materials. Participation in a Sacred Ground Circle satisfies the requirement for Racial Healing and Reconciliation Training for church leaders.