



**Unitarian
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Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Local Police Reform Information from UUCHV

Our Allies for Racial Equity (ARE) group at UUCHV has been following the Police Reform and Reinvention Committee (PRRC) efforts in our local communities: Ossining, Croton, and Peekskill. As part of our congregation's [8th Principle](#) work, we are offering opportunities to learn more about various racism topics and issues. A group of us viewed the movie *The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain* via a Zoom meeting, and had a discussion afterward about what we can do to help reform police policies, practices, and behavior. The movie is 1-hour 23-minutes long, and is a very disturbing re-enactment of the killing of an elderly Black man, with medical and mental health issues, by the White Plains police on November 19, 2011. The movie is available to rent for \$4.99 through Amazon Prime, Apple TV, and Google Play, and will premiere on HBO Max on November 19, the ten-year anniversary of the event. In their post-movie discussion, Paul Davis, an active member with the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform (WCPR), shared with us several important events and information about this case, and what Westchester County is doing regarding "police reform and reinvention."

Status of Project Alliance

Project Alliance is a five-pronged county project to provide better mental health response to communities. Ossining is slated to get a Mobile Response Team in 2022 (that's soon). The project will also implement better training for 911 police dispatchers 24/7, enhanced EMT training, enhanced behavioral health crisis response line 24/7, and will develop Crisis intervention training (CIT) programs. But the key is that the community, e.g., the Ossining mayor and police chief, will have to want and seek out the support. We want to pressure them to do this.

We plan to ask our Ossining mayor and police chief to attend an upcoming WCPR meeting on December 9 to present the implementation status of the Ossining PRRC recommendations.

Vigil for Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr.

We invite all to attend the community vigil for Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr, Friday, November 19, 7:00-8:00pm, in front of the White Plains Dept of Public Safety, 77 South Lexington Ave, White Plains. Several of us from Ossining and Croton are going. Join us!

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