UUCSC Anti-Racism Group Meeting Notes
September 25, 2023 7:00pm on Zoom

Attending: Nancy Richman (facilitator), Cathy Solomon, Barbara Pagh, Etta Zasloff, Ann Seeman, Adria Evans, Larry Kelland, Barbara Beckwith, Elizabeth Donovan, Bina Holtzman, Penny Hall, Jeanne Arthur, Johnnie Rodriquez, Susan Jordan

Participants provided positive feedback on the Anti-Racism service the day before at the UUCSC. Comments ranged from “Beautifully organized” to “reenergized around Anti-Racism topic” to “Great Outreach”.

We moved on to sharing personal examples of White Privilege during our lives. The examples were many! Here are some samples:

> Going to camp and meeting black people for the first time. Learning, without knowing what it was called, about the “wealth gap”
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> Eating food in the store before paying for it or getting caught for shoplifting - and not paying a price for it
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> Accompanying a friend of color to a store in order for that person to get better service
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> Asking participants in group workshop to drop their titles to reduce any sense of hierarchy - and being met with resistance by people of color in the group who viewed that as a way to marginalize them
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> Inviting a Black friend to a church dance and having to get approval. And being insensitive to how terrifying the experience must have been for that person
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> Commuting to northern RI at the same time daily and noticing every time that a policeman had pulled over a person of color on I-95

Next meetings:

Oct 9 The Nuances of Immigration. Led by Etta Zasloff.
Oct 23 Intersectionality, Speaker: Rae Ferguson

Both meetings will need a volunteer to take notes and write up a summary. Meeting reminders will be in the UUCSC Newsletter and the UUCSC Antiracism Google group email. Please send future topic ideas to Cathy Solomon.