



SSND Solidarity Summer - Week Seven

Where do we go from here?



Monday's SSND Solidarity Summer Webinar:

Our seventh and final Solidarity Summer webinar focused on the question of “Where do we go from here?” In this session, we reflected on our Solidarity Summer experience through a SSND lens and then mapped out our paths for sustained engagement and accountability.

Links to the August 24 Solidarity Summer webinar recording – [“Where do we go from here?”](#), the [Presentation Slides](#), and the pdf order of worship for our [Commitment to Action closing prayer service](#).

Link to presentation reactions shared via chat - [Download PDF of August 24 Chats](#)

[Click here](#) for links to all our previous webinars and related materials.

CP Province Paths for Sustained Engagement and Accountability:

In order to promote deeper reflection and meaningful action, three paths for sustained engagement and accountability have been identified and will be pursued.

Path 1) Self-Reflection and Interpersonal Engagements – The Embracing Diversity Struggling Unity Work Group (EDSU WG) will take the lead to provide us resources and on-going opportunities to support deeper self-reflection and interpersonal engagements. Better understanding our individual and collective story as it relates to race, bias, and privilege. *Contact S. Jackie Toben or a member of EDSU WG to learn more.*

Path 2) Province Structures, Practices, and Ministries - The Provincial Council (working in partnership with Mission Leaders and the Assembly) will take the lead on reflecting anti-racism efforts more robustly in our province structures, policies, practices, and ministries. *Contact a member of Council to learn more.*

Path 3) Systemic Racism – The Shalom Racial Justice Committee (SRJC) will take the lead on identifying and encouraging engagements to challenge policies and practices that promote or perpetuate racial bias (such things as - elections, local/state reforms, federal legislation, etc...). *Contact Tim Dewane or a member of the SRJC to learn more.*

In addition to these three paths for sustained engagement, monthly sharing sessions and other opportunities will be organized this fall to provide a forum for folks to dialogue and provide each other with feedback about steps they have taken, progress made, and challenges encountered in their efforts to address racial bias and systemic racism. (Information about these monthly sessions will be shared with all Solidarity Summer registrants and via our CP Thursday announcements.)

“We commit to challenge local policies and practices that promote or perpetuate racial bias; while also learning about and confronting our issues of racial bias and our complicity in supporting or maintaining racially discriminating practices.”

- CP Province Immigration Corporate Stance

In this divided and wounded world, recognizing and addressing systemic racism and racial bias is essential if we are to witness and reveal the oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent.

We are grateful for your participation in our SSND Solidarity Summer initiative. May our collective efforts lead to personal and communal transformation and ultimately help make the dismantling of racism a reality.

Sincerely,

CP Shalom Racial Justice Committee - Susan Adrians, Gen Cassani, Vicki Chambers, Tim Dewane, Kathleen Drilling, Maria Gomez, Gail Guelker, Vincella Lake, Rose Mercurio, Nancy McNemar, Barbara Pfarr, Waltermarie Ray, and Karen Walther



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