UNITE TO END RACISM

ACT Now! Unite to End Racism Information Sheet

On April 3-5, 2018 the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) and our partners will gather in Washington, D.C. for a historic event to launch its Truth and Racial Justice Initiative. As we mark 50 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, we will commit to do our part to eradicate the entrenched racism that grips the United States and paralyzes our ability to see every human being as equal.

It's time to finish the work.

We challenge ourselves and our communities to join in truth-telling, leading to actions that right the wrongs, and, with God's grace, bring healing and wholeness to all people, and unity to the nation. We will A.C.T.:

Awaken. Confront. Transform.

April 3-5 is only the beginning. Our #rally2endracism is the launch of a comprehensive, multi-year program to address racism in our nation.

Schedule At-A-Glance for April 3-5, 2018

Tuesday, April 3:	Ecumenical Worship Service in the Orthodox Tradition
6:30 p.m.:	St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral 2815 36th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20007
Wednesday, April 4:	ACT to End Racism Rally on the National Mall
7-8 a.m.:	Silent Prayer Walk to the National Mall
8-9 a.m.:	Interfaith Service
9 a.m.-4 p.m.:	Rally and Call to Commitment
Thursday, April 5:	National Day of Advocacy & Action

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Volunteers

Volunteers are needed now and during the rally on Wednesday, April 4, including in the following areas: Mobilization, Hospitality, Security (Marshals), Medical Assistance, Logistics, General Volunteer (I'll go where needed) and Press/Media. A volunteer sign up is on the website when you register for the event. After signing up, you will be contacted by one of our Volunteer Coordinators with more information and instructions. You may also contact the following:

Mobilization – Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland Tune mobilize2endracism@gmail.com
Hospitality – Rev. Malcom Byrd alphadubois@hotmail.com
Security – Rev. Mark Thomas 2wardsthemark@gmail.com

Hotels

Information about hotels is on the website and can be accessed here: http://www.rally2endracism.org/hotels/. It will be updated regularly as more information is available.

Buses

Buses from out of town will be able to park at RFK Stadium. We are working with D.C. city officials to have a location on the National Mall where passengers can be dropped off. We will have updates regarding this.

The Metro station closest to the National Mall is the Smithsonian station. It can be accessed on the Blue, Orange and Silver lines.

Check our website, rally2endracism/transport for information.

Spread the Word

Help us spread the word out about this important event! The day will be filled with inspirational speakers and music, reflections on Dr. King and, most importantly, ways we will move forward united to finish the work to end racism.

You can organize a group from your church, encourage your local conference or district to have other local churches attend, send it to everyone you know. A movement isn't much of a movement without people, so this is particularly critical to any effort to end racism.

Share the link to the website on social media. Email your friends about this important event. Tweet and post on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media outlets using the hashtags #ACT2EndRacism and #Rally2EndRacism. Text the web address to your friends and family. Be on the National Mall on April 4th and bring people with you!

Financial Support

To cover the numerous costs with hosting such a large event, we ask for your financial support. Any gift is welcome, but here are some ways you can give or encourage others to give:

- Challenge individuals to give (in increments of $50 – an amount for each of the 50 years we've been without Dr. King).
- Challenge congregations to give, perhaps even taking up a special offering to support this historic event. We are looking for 500 congregations that can give $500 from mission or justice funds.
- Encourage an individual, congregation or organization to be a Justice Bearer and give a gift of $50,000 or more.

CONTACT

For more information and for updates, visit the website, www.rally2endracism.org, which is updated regularly, or email mobilize2endracism@gmail.com.