

Report of Continuing the Conversation for Racial Equity Committee
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 7:00 – 7:30 pm Via Zoom

Participants: 11

1. **Opening Prayer** – Prayer for African American Families.
2. **Report of North Deanery Racial Solidarity Network Meeting** upcoming events sponsored by the Seattle Black Catholic Advisory Circle - SeVera Dowe, Chairperson of the Black Catholic Advisory Circle (BCAC) shared their planned events. Others shared upcoming events at Seattle University, St. Bridget's parish, links to Fr. Tolton Novena (Zoom), Stations of the Cross (YouTube and e-copies) and an excellent talk about Homelessness (video).
 - March 2, 2023, “Wonderfully Made” film LGBTQ+Religion, 5-9 pm Seattle University, Pigott Auditorium, 901 12th Ave, Seattle, WA 98112
 - March 17, 2023, 6 pm Stations of the Cross on Racism followed by Soup Supper at Immaculate Conception Church, 820 18th Ave Seattle WA 98122
 - March 23-31, 2023, Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton Novena, 6-7 pm via zoom Link @ <http://bit.ly/3RbpEkv>
 - November 11, 2023, Black Catholic Conference, “We are All God’s People” at Holy Spirit Church, 310 3rd Ave S, Kent, WA 98032
 - February 25, 2023. Thea Bowman documentary: Movie & Pizza Night at St. Bridget Parish, after 5 pm Mass (6-8 pm) - Link to please register: <https://stbridgetchurch.flocknote.com/signup/113911>
 - **The Stations of the Cross: Black Catholic women Give Witness**
YouTube: <https://futurechurch.org/women-in-church-leadership/stations-of-the-cross-black-catholic-women-bear-witness/>
 - **Stations of the Cross Overcoming Racism**
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/stations-of-the-cross-overcoming-racism.pdf>
 - Rex Hohlbien presentation on **Homelessness** at University Unitarian Church link: <https://www.uuchurch.org/2023/video-fleagle-lecture-workshop-by-rex-hohlbein/>
3. **Faith and Racial Equity multi-session course.** The course will begin with a retreat on Saturday, April 15, 2023, in Jubilee Hall from 8:30 – 3:00. Eight sessions will take place each Wednesday beginning April 26, 2023, through June 14, 2023, from 7 – 9 pm in Jubilee Hall. Watch for a course announcement to register. Books for class cost \$45.00.
4. **“Going Home Like a Shooting Star - Thea Bowman’s Journey to Sainthood”** 1 hour movie followed by a 30-minute discussion of the video. Information about this video has been shared with the OLL School Principal. Jubilee Hall has been reserved for showing the video on Sunday, April 23, 2023, after 9:30 am Mass (11:00 am – 12:30 pm.)
5. Projects for 2023
 - a. **Pentecost Service - Sunday May 28, 2023.** A Parishioner volunteered to take the lead and coordinate with Fr. Tim and Thomas Varas regarding the readings

and soliciting four readers in different languages by advertising in the bulletin. Readers speaking in Nigerian, Portuguese and Tagalog have been recruited. Looking for a Spanish-speaking reader. The readings will be printed in English in the Order of Worship.

- b. Lent – **Stations of the Cross for Racial Justice.** An article was published in the Newsletter of February 21, 2023, with a link to the USCCB Stations of the Cross Overcoming Racism. Note binders with Stations of the Cross Overcoming Racism and Stations of the Cross Ecumenical have been placed in the back of the Church as well a paper copies of these Stations as handouts.
 - c. **Rosary in different languages.** St. Matthews has held a Multicultural Rosary in different languages in October for the last two years. A Parishioner is coordinating the first OLL Multicultural Rosary for October 2023. World Mission Sunday is October 22, 2023.
 - d. **Daily Readings on Racism** publish to the parish, for example from the Black Catholic Messenger <https://www.blackcatholicmessenger.com/> An article for the February 6, 2023, Newsletter was published inviting parishioners to subscribe free to the Black Catholic Messenger.
 - e. **Paper Bulletin** include articles on Social Justice. Table until March meeting.
 - f. **Short Articles** with suggested search terms for more information or web links (if short) placed on tables at back of church, for example, quotes from Sister Thea Bowman. Table until March meeting.
 - g. Reflection on Black Catholic History from November 21, 2022, meeting. An .mp4 video of slide presentation was recorded by a Parishioner. Video is 11:36 minutes long and is 25,529 KB. Kim Burkhardt will let us know when it will be included in the RCIA training.
6. Recommendation to meet in person was approved by a majority vote.
7. Next Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in person in Jubilee Hall.

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