

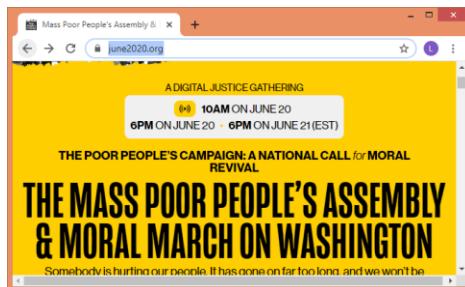
The Call to Action for Racial Equity and Justice for All!

CCNC: A Resilient Church with Liberating Unity!



Goal: To be the effective witness that Christ empowered us to be in dismantling systemic racism, creating equity, and advocating for reconciliation.

While we acknowledge those who have already begun conversations around systemic racism and justice, we want to encourage the 'next step' actions beyond conversations. To aid in this quest for human liberation and justice, the Anti-Racism and Pro-Reconciliation Commission (ARPR) will engage the Christian Church in NC as follows:



June 20, 2020

ARPR encourages our region to accept the invitation to the Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington, which is a 2.5 hour broadcast on Saturday, June 20, 2020 beginning at 10 am and repeated at 6 pm and again on Sunday, June 21 at 6 pm. Register and view at <https://www.june2020.org/>. NC is proud that one of the co-conveners of this national movement is a NC Disciple's pastor, The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II of Goldsboro. We gather to gather to demonstrate the leadership of the 140 million poor and low-income people and build power to enact a Moral Agenda for the nation.



June 22- July 31

The Regional Prayer Call will continue because the work of justice begins in the soul and requires a talk with God.

We pray each morning at 7am.

You can join us on Facebook
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCINNC](https://www.facebook.com/CCINNC)
or Free Conference Call
712-451-0911,
Access Code 769702#

You can offer to lead a prayer by emailing the Regional Minister:
valerie@ncdisciples.org.



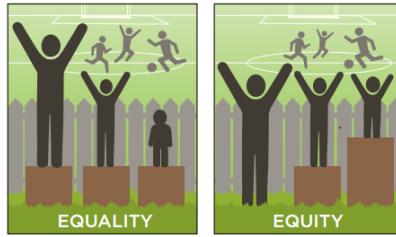
July 2020

ARPR will work with District leaders to discern potential lead congregations to host conversations with other congregations.

During July, we will organize and set the date for the event, which might need to be a virtual event or free conference call in 2020. One ARPR member will schedule to be present at each gathering.

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July 1- August 1, 2020

ARPR will receive CCNC Reconciliation Grant applications. Churches may write grant proposals about a ministry initiative that prepares leadership for ministry that nurtures and promotes racial equity and moves the church beyond the current context. Applications will be available by contacting ARPR@ncdisciples.org.

The General Church Disciples Home Missions Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team has recently announced the Rev. Ernest J. Newborn, Sr. Legacy grant program. This grant program intends to provide seed funds for small racial reconciliation and anti-racism projects that address structural barriers for people of color to fully thrive in the communities where they live. Projects awarded by this program are short-term, achievable, and accountable to the communities the award will benefit. Applications beginning June 15, 2020 and ongoing through 2020. For more information, see

<https://reconciliationministry.org/2020/1391/>. You can read more about DHM Reconciliation Ministry efforts and locate their contact information at <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/pro-reconciliationanti-racism/> and <https://reconciliationministry.org/>.

July 25, 2020 10-11:30 am & July 31, 2020 7-8:30 pm

ARPR invites members of all Disciples congregations to attend this Racial Equity Orientation. (The same introductory class is offered on two different days to meet the needs of the region.) This is a 90 minute conversational workshop led by skilled trainers to help individuals unpack and understand vocabulary. Justice, equality, equity, unity, uniformity, bigotry, racism—what do these words mean? The cost is free, but registration is required. Registration is open from June 29-July 19. Please watch your email for more information.

August 15- December 31, 2020

1. ARPR awards Reconciliation Grants on August 15 and projects are underway through the remainder of the year. Congregations will share invitations for events and information about outcomes with the region.
2. ARPR anticipates and welcomes the Historical Review of CC (DOC); COC, DOC; and PDC in NC. The region's Historical Task Force offers opportunities for congregations to revisit our history because we have always been one Disciples movement under our one Lord serving God's people. While we might have walked parallel paths that often linked at various intersections, now our paths are merging. The historical review will show us how much better we would be if we journey together.



October 2020—Clergy Training

ARPR offers Racial Equity Training for Clergy at Camp Caroline pending COVID-19 safety measures and allowances permit gatherings. The October 23-24 dates are pending, and this is the makeup class for the August cancellation.

We believe this is essential training that must occur in person for peer-to-peer interaction. Therefore, the Commission on Ministry is granting waivers to clergy and standing will not be impacted this year for those who are unable to attend the courses cancelled due to COVID-19. Please register for a course offered when it is safe for you to be among other people.

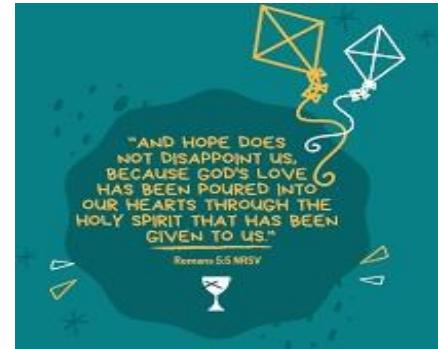


October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday

ARPR hosts Regional Gathering for Justice and Love with Communion (whether physical or virtual) and signing Dismantling Racism document.

We will gather (virtually if necessary, for COVID-19 concerns) reflecting our three-strands.

We want all expressions present—CC (DOC); COC, DOC; and PDC. We will invite the Regional Elders to be involved in helping with this World Communion Sunday.



What's Next, Church?

After the World Communion Service, ARPR will evaluate and determine what's next as the region continues the work of becoming one body of Christ.

This is a movement, not a moment!