



Your Becoming Beloved Community Team
Invites Disciple Individuals and Congregations
to grow both in understanding of the history of racism
and in our investment in “bending the arch toward justice.”

It's a time to celebrate freedom commemorated on Juneteenth but have to acknowledge that from which people needed to be free. This includes all oppression from chattel slavery to Jim Crow & lynching, to red-lining and other intentional ways white leaders denied human dignity and rights to black people throughout our history.

We invite you all to “save a date” to engage more deeply as we move toward Juneteenth together, and as we prepare ourselves for living into a Christlike future embodying freedom, justice, and true beloved community.

There are several ways to engage (individually online; as a congregational study group; attending events; etc.) We encourage you to choose *at least* one:

1. **Now Throughout Summer: The Becoming Beloved Community Team** encourages you to watch this 48- minute video: <https://youtu.be/6rXDAsi8AY> (also available through www.kcdisciples.org) sharing inspiring music by Mr. Odelle Tally, KC History of racism provided by Mr. Erik Stafford; and Sandy Campbell's rendition of Fannie Lou Hamer's historical witness previously recorded in June 2020. Please watch and discuss with others how to pursue a better way forward.
2. **June 4th—Parade**, see [https://www.juneteenth-kc.com/](http://www.juneteenth-kc.com/)
3. **Saturday, June 11, 10am-noon: Juneteenth commemoration at the Arts & Heritage Center**—Music, art, food, free admission to the Johnson County Museum, and special exhibit “REDLINED: Cities, Suburbs & Segregation.” Location: Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center, 8788 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park
4. **Jun 13-30:** Johnson County Library presents **Take a Walk & Read** gives families the opportunity to engage with literature while getting their steps in. Their **Juneteenth-themed display** will be posted during these dates featuring stories related to the freedom of all. Location: Civic Center Park, 250 E. Santa Fe St, Olathe.

5. June 18: 3rd Annual Advocacy and Awareness Peace March and Rally, Saturday, June 18, 2022, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Thomspson Park - Overland Park, KS,
<https://www.aagjc.org/events>
6. Sunday, June 19, noon-1:30pm: Johnson County Government Observance. Location: Johnson County Square (Santa Fe and Cherry St. in downtown Olathe). The public event will include community speakers, historical readings, and musical performers. Featured speaker: Virginia Sewing whose husband, Donald, led the effort to integrate northeast Johnson County in the mid 1960s. Mrs. Sewing was the first Black woman to win an election in Johnson County, winning a seat on the Shawnee Mission School Advisory Council. See www.jocogov.org/Juneteenth.
7. June 18th—Heritage Festival, at 18th and Vine 12-8:30 pm; see
<https://www.juneteenth-kc.com/>