

# facing racism



A Vision of  
Intercultural  
Community

a 6-week conversation

Join Us at First Presbyterian  
Church of Oakland

Thursday evenings beginning September 15  
from 7-8:30PM in the Reception Room

This six week workshop-style class will include community building work, small group conversation and communal sharing. Though each week will build on the previous week's work, every gathering has its own unique focus and is intended to support each person's efforts in the struggle against racism. Middle and High School Youth are welcome and will have their own small group conversation.

# Weekly Themes

Join us for one or all of these conversations.

**September 15**

## **Antiracism as a Biblical Requirement**

We'll begin by looking at four themes that are foundational to antiracism work: Creation, Image of God, Diversity and God's Demand for Justice

**September 22**

## **Envisioning a New Way of Life Together**

Together we'll explore our experiences of and hopes for the Beloved Community and discern how to live as God's New Creation.

**September 29**

## **Presbyterians and Racial Reconciliation**

Understanding our Presbyterian theological foundation of racial reconciliation is important. In this gathering, we'll look at our vision and our confessional heritage.

**October 6**

## **Racism 101**

Though we may believe we have a deep understanding of racism, we need to get back to basics and explore our understandings of race and white supremacy,

**October 13**

## **The Enduring Legacy of Racism**

Facing racism means acknowledging the insidious legacy seen in economics, education, policing, mass incarceration and immigration.

**October 20**

## **Responding as Communities of Faith**

We'll start with the story of the Syrophenician Woman (Mark 7:24-30) as we explore the cycle of Awareness, Confession, Repentance and Grace.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.