

Dismantling Racism District Activities and Contact Information

Butler District

- District Martin Luther King, Jr. service
- District Dismantling Racism Team established

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Connellsville District

- Workshops: *Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack*, which focuses on white privilege

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Erie/Meadville District

- Anti-Racism team meeting
- Planned regional events concerning the prevalence of hate groups in our region
- Retreat around the book *Waking Up White* planned for fall of 2020 at Olmsted Manor
- *Vital Conversations on Race* are being planned in several churches throughout the district

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Franklin District

- District Anti-Racism Team formed in January
- Clergy retreat at Olmsted Manor to study *Waking Up White*
- Two book studies: *White Fragility* and *Multicultural Conversations*

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Greensburg District

- Rev. Martin Luther King, JR. District Worship Service
- Monroeville UMC book study *Waking Up White* and *Witnessing Whiteness*
- Monroeville UMC group is IDI assessed/reviewed
- Dismantling Racism Committee met at Healthy Village Learning Institute
 - Open house to spread awareness of programs to encourage youth in self development
- Upcoming study: *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram Kendi

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Indiana District

- Purchased workbook *How to be an Anti-Racist* for district groups
- Developing plans for coming year

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Johnstown District

- CORR Learning from Strangers team standing alongside cross-racial/cross-cultural appointment

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Kane District

- 2019 field trip to Healthy Village Living Institute
- Several attendees at *Crossroads* anti-racism training
- Dismantling Racism team established
- Planned book study on *How to be and Antiracist* by Ibram. X. Kendi

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Pittsburgh District

- Wrestling with Racism group meets regularly, initiated by First UMC and Warren UMC
- Trip to National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC
- Held "Conversations About Race" in three locations for four weeks to engage churches in substantive discussions about race and racism
- Anti-racism group meets at Christ UMC, Bethel Park
- Partnership between John Wesley UMC and Christ UMC, Bethel Park to promote multicultural conversations, learning together and developing actions plans
- Ministry of Presence

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Washington District

- Dismantling Racism Team- 16 members
- Planning for IDI Assessments (40) assessments including clergy, laity
- District team study- Kendi book/workbook, *How to be an Anti-Racist*
- Development report for Annual Conference

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