



Synod Assembly Resolutions 2021

Resolution In Support of Racial Justice Training

Discussion Guide

*(Note to facilitator: make copies of this Discussion Guide and the Synod's Racial Justice Resolution for distribution)

Prayer before beginning:

Help me to listen: O Holy One, I hear and say so many words, yet yours is the word I need.
Speak now, and help me to listen; And, if what I hear is silence, let it quiet me, let it disturb me,
let it touch my need, let it break my pride, let it shrink my certainties, let it enlarge my wonder.
AMEN

Guiding Scripture

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Before watching the video:

As you watch the video, make note of things that stand out to you for one reason or another.
Pay special attention to emotions that are evoked within you.

After watching the video:

What parts of Marcia's story:

- Were different/same as your own experiences?
- Were surprising/shocking to you?
- Were uncomfortable for you?

Action steps:

- Identify one thing to broaden our understanding of racism and the impact that it has had within our community.
- Find suggested resources (books, films, articles, contacts, etc.) on our Synod website at: <http://nswi.org/social-justice-advocacy>.

Closing Prayer

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease. Give us the courage to break down barriers, face our fears and to humbly stand in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters. So that with our divisions healed we might live in justice and peace, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.