Constructive Conversations on Race

Starter Kit with Guidelines and Activities

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What People Are Saying

“Wonderful work!!!!” **— Tod Ewing**

"Your Conversation Starter document stimulated a great and lengthy discussion. It was terrific! One of the things that came out of it was a recognition that white people need to change their attitudes and behaviors. We've made significant strides over the past 50 years, but so much more needs to be done. Your document inspired a fantastic conversation on race. Thank you for making this available!" **— Seniors CAN: Call for Action Now, Los Angeles**

“Very impressive. I like the Conversation Starter Kit’s simplicity. The steps are clear and easy to follow, which will help people discuss a complex and emotional topic. The format allows for small group sharing, large group discussion, opportunities to learn what the science tells us about race, time to problem-solve and brainstorm steps for future action. Well done!” **— Dr. Susan Walker, Educator**

"For more than 17 years, the Springfield Race Unity Committee, like the city we call home, has struggled to promote unity and build interracial understanding and appreciation. We have longed for the day, when the interfaith community would join forces to promote racial unity and the oneness of humanity. That day has now come.

Initiated by the Springfield Race Unity Committee and endorsed by the Springfield Ministerial Alliance and the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association, Constructive Conversations on Race is a proven program that has led to many healthy, non-accusatory discussions on race, and to a significant number of interracial and inter-congregational friendships that are continuing to blossom across the Springfield area.

We were recently asked to train 250 law enforcement officers and 150 community members. We also had in attendance over 50 school officials from Springfield, and are now following up with organizing Conversation groups from those who expressed an interest. It is fitting that this movement is occurring in Springfield, home to both Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, and the notorious 1908 race riots that led to the formation of the NAACP. If he were alive today, Lincoln would no doubt praise the program’s mission, and encourage widespread participation.” **— Race Unity Committee, Springfield, Illinois**

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