

On Racism

Here's a package of diverse perspectives on (and experiences with) issues of Racism, Colonialism and Decolonialism in our society. In the weeks between now and our gathering on April 17th, review and engage with those pieces that speak to you or call for your attention in some way.

Choose one of these 4 questions to sit with over the next few weeks. Come to the session ready to speak about how you answer that question and the insights that arose for you as you considered it, along with the materials in the package.

1. Of the pieces below, what one most resonates with you, and why? How does your ethnic identity influence how you perceive this piece?
2. Alternatively, what piece is especially dissonant for you? Is there something here that makes you feel especially uncomfortable or that is particularly difficult for you to relate to? Why? How does your ethnic identity influence how you perceive this piece?
3. A recurring thread throughout these pieces is the plea for someone to “do something” about racism in our society - and the need for structural change. What is one anti-racist action you personally can commit to doing, now, that helps bring about this change?
4. Considering the various communities you belong to (e.g. your neighbourhood, congregation, ministry, school system, place of work, etc) and your position within them, what's one anti-racist action you & your community can collectively commit to take now? How might your community move the needle on issues of racism and decolonization in your circle and/or our society at large?