

Seekers Church Racial Justice Ministry Team

An informal group of Seekers has been meeting for some time to support community activities designed to help us stand up against racism. That group has come to the point in its life together that it is requesting affirmation as a ministry team of Seekers Church.

Our Racial Justice Ministry Team nurtures this part of our commitment, “to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need,” and to “to work to end all war, and violence, and discord.” Currently, the Team:

- Sponsors the weekly Racial Justice vigil at Seekers Church;
- Coordinates monthly to support other community activities including:
 - Dave Lloyd’s work to design a new anti-racism tour of DC;
 - Community “Vote Forward” meetings to write letters encouraging voting;
 - Organizing additional events on Freedom Fridays: such as movies and book discussions;
 - Presenting classes in our School for Christian Growth (i.e. “Call to Justice in Poetry”)
 - Creating a Racial Justice page for Seekers website.
 - Exploring ideas for additional classes? book discussion group?

At this time there are 11 Seekers participating regularly in this work:

Dave Lloyd	Paul Holmes
Erica Lloyd	Peter Bankson
Jacqie Wallen	Sallie Holmes
John Morris	Sandra Miller
Lucy Slater	Trish Nemore

We request that the Stewards of Seekers Church affirm the Seekers Church Racial Justice Ministry Team as part of our community life.

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Draft Statement for Seekers' website

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Seekers Church Statement Opposing White Supremacy and Racism

Seekers Church acknowledges and confronts the difficult history of white supremacy and racism that we and other Christian churches have perpetuated. We seek to dismantle white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves, in our faith community, in our nation and in our world - by better aligning our words and actions to the hopes and teachings of Jesus. Moving forward we will work to:

- Center and follow Black voices and Black leadership.
- Deconstruct our racist systems of punishment, oppression and control.
- Divest resources from systems that are causing harm.
- Build systems of safety, care and racial healing for all.
- Reduce and repair harm and violence in our community and beyond.

We will do this work through activism, legislative advocacy, sacred conversation with others who share our concerns, financial support of organizations and individuals engaged in anti-racism work, education of ourselves and others, and every other reasonable and non-violent means we identify.

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