

RESPONDING TO RACISM THROUGH THE LENS OF LOVE AND JUSTICE

A Prayerful Exploration of the Realities of Racism and an Examination of
Our Gospel Call to Advocate for Justice, Peace and Equality

Tuesdays (*six sessions*)

February 9 - March 16

6:30-8:00pm

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Grounded in Christian faith, this series will cover:

- how we got to where we are - the historical roots of racism
 - the continuing, systemic nature of racism
- our Christian response of justice and love of neighbor
- the gifts of the non-White Church to our faith journey

There is no cost for this program; any contributions to Mercy Center Auburn at the close of the series would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Mercy Center and note "Responding to Racism" on check.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants will receive links each week to brief articles and YouTube clips that will serve as food for discussion and reflection during the coming week's online gathering on Zoom. Meetings will be contemplative in nature and will include brief reflections and time for dialogue in a safe, respectful, and non-judgmental atmosphere. We all come with different experiences. Wherever you are starting from is the right place for you to be.

ABOUT THE FACILITATORS

Sister Michelle Gorman, RSM has an MA in English/American Literature from Gonzaga University and a diploma in spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. Michelle is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Institute Office of Anti-Racism & Racial Equity. She is passionate about anti-racism work learned from her years of teaching at Bishop Manogue and Christian Brothers High Schools in Sacramento.

Renee Regacho-Anaclerio, Ed.D., has a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership. She is a spiritual director, trained through the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. Renee is also a retired educational leader with years of experience training teachers and administrators about equity and inclusion. Renee is committed to the life-long journey of dismantling racism, and she continues to coach new school administrators.