

“We have an opportunity to make America a better nation.”

— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., April 3, 1968

## Let's talk about race.

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**ON SUNDAY, MAY 18**, many pastors across our church, the United Church of Christ, will be preaching on race in hopes of beginning a sacred conversation, a dialogue that is needed in our pews, our homes and the hallways of power across our country.

Sacred conversations are never easy, especially when honest talk confronts our nation's painful past and speaks directly to the injustices of the present day.

Yet sacred conversations can, and often do, honor the value of diverse life experiences, requiring an openness to hear each others' viewpoints.

Over the coming weeks, as we prepare to speak from our pulpits and organize follow-up conversations with our 1.2-million members, we pray this effort will be an important step toward a holy and reconciling dialogue within our church and for our nation.

We invite all communities of faith to join with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, *your* voice is needed — now.

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